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THE LAMP

A CATHOLIC MONTHLY DEVOTED TO CHURCH UNITY AND MISSIONS

For Sion's sake I will not hold my Peace, and for the sake of Jerusalem I will not rest until the JUST ONE comes forth as Brightness, and her SAVIOUR be lighted as a Lamp.—Isaias, lxii, II.

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Christmas Greetings

THE LAMP appears to you not in its customary brown dress but all apparelled in white with trimmings of holly and although it will arrive somewhat in advance of the Feast of Our Lord's Nativity it will not be too early we trust to wish you, Dear Reader, a very Merry and Joyous Christmas. The Editor hereby conveys to the Loyal Soldiers of our LAMP Army and to every reader of our Graymoor Luminary the greetings of Christmas from the Franciscan Friars of the Atonement.

We wish you "good luck in the Name of the Lord" and plenty of it both for the time that now is and for the years that are to come. May the Infant Jesus enthroned in the Arms of His Blessed Mother receive from you all this Christmas an homage and adoration like that which the Magi gave expression to by the three-fold gifts of Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh and may He in return bestow upon every one of you the gift of His Love, the grace of intimate fellowship with Himself for all the balance of your earthly sojourn and a place close to His Throne in the Paradise of God through all eternity.

"Oh, that Birth for ever blessed! When the Virgin full of grace,
By the Holy Ghost conceiving, Bare the Saviour of our Race,
And the Babe, the world's Redeemer, First revealed His Sacred Face,
Evermore and evermore."

ROMAN QUESTION HAS BEARING ON REUNION

Ecumenical Council Necessary for Return of Separated Bodies and Establishment of Papal Sovereignty Desirable Before Calling of Council, High Church Dignitary States.

By
Dr. Frederic Funder
(Vienna Correspondent, N.C.W.C. News Service.)

Vienna, Nov. 1.—In an interview with this correspondent an Anglican has emphasized a consideration in regard to the "Roman Question" which thus far has not been publicly discussed.

He said, in effect, that recognition of some sort of temporal sovereignty for the Pope is intimately bound up with the great effort now being made for the return of the separ-

ated Christian churches—or, in other words, for Christian unity. This belief he based on the assertion that a general Ecumenical Council would be an essential part of a Catholic effort for unity, and that the lack of territorial independence of the Holy See at present constitutes an "essential impediment" to the convocation of such a council.

Would Further Ecumenical Council

It is this dignitary's view that the Church could ask separate Churches which have become national in character to assist at an Ecumenical Council with vastly more advantage and probability of success if they could send their delegates to neutral territory instead of the territory of a strong world power. He said:

"The present attitude of the Vatican has its natural premise in the various manifestations and actions through which the Mussolini Government has shown its will to make good the wrong that was done to St. Peter's patrimony in 1870. Those attempts were insufficient, but anyhow gave proof of good-will and removed some of the more important obstacles in the way of an understanding.

"The Pope's imprisonment in the Vatican has now lasted for almost two generations. Until after the termination of the World War, there was in all that time not one Italian government that made even the very least serious attempt at a reconciliation of the State and the Church in Italy, or tried to make up for the inflicted injury. It looks like an act of Providence that, in times when great, revolutionizing problems of the church attract the attention of nearly the whole Christian world, a general change has taken place in Italy which offers a good prospect that these great movements of the times will be favorably met.

"Since the termination of the World War, the idea of a union of the separated Christian churches has occupied the Christian world more than ever. Along with the efforts to bring about an understanding of Rome and the Orthodox churches, there have been the efforts of the Protestant churches to build a bridge of understanding between themselves and the churches of the East.

"But the movement toward a union did not halt at this point. Already at Stockholm— and stronger still at Lausanne—the desire was expressed that a general contact with Rome of the separated Christian churches should be established at some kind of a council. This idea was prepared for, to a certain extent, by the Church conferences held at Malines by the late Cardinal Mercier. The Catholic church was able to follow the invitations neither to Stockholm nor to Lausanne, but in the highest places of the Church, the good-will which was shown here and there in the separated Churches was appreciated in no small degree.

"For years the plan of having a general Ecumenical Church Council convoked by the Holy Father has been in the order of the day. If it should become a fact, the separated Christian churches would be invited to assist, in accordance with an old-established usage of the Church. But the present legal situation of the Papacy—the lack of an ample territorial independency under which it suffers—has so far been an essential impediment to the convocation of a general Ecumenical Council.

Importance of Holding Council

"How important such a Council is, was explained only recently at the 34th Catholic Union Congress of Velehrad, Czechoslovakia, by a man eminently conversant with the circumstances prevailing in the non-united Churches of the Orient, the Assumption Father Sallaville, who is working in Belgrade. This Congress was in session from July 20 to 24, and was attended by the aged Msgr. Andrew Szeptycki, the Greek-Catholic Archbishop of Lwow, Poland; Archbishop Dr. Precan of Olomouc, Czechoslovakia; the president of the Oriental Institute of Rome, Bishop d'Herbigny, S.J., widely known for his studies on the Church in Russia; the Bishops Przedziechi of Podlachia, Poland, and Dr. Rodich of Belgrade; the Croatian Archbishop Dr. Bauer, as well as a Chaldean Bishop of Babylon.

"Father Sallaville strongly emphasized the value a general Ecumenical Council would have at the present time. In the Orthodox Church, a union is impossible for the reason that the Church completely lacks a uniform theological system. Before a union could be effected, the first thing to do would be to bring about a uniform establishment of the dogmata, a thing, however, which could be done only by an Ecumenical Council. The Bishops, as well as the true believers, show a tendency toward the union of the Churches, said Father Sallaville, who added that he had a meeting with the Orthodox Patriarch Basillus III of the Phanar at which the latter declared to him that all his efforts were directed toward union. We have come so far today that a Catholic priest is a very welcome guest to Orthodox Bishops, Father Sallaville said. But, he added, attempts to come to an understanding will be abortive so long as they are isolated. What was necessary, in his opinion, was a general discussion at an Ecumenical Council.

Pope Eager for Reunion

"Father Sallaville's opinion is now shared by many prominent authorities on Church matters in the East.

"Of course, at the Vatican the difficulties still in the way of effecting a union are thoroughly known, but the Holy Father has repeatedly manifested his ardent wish to support the tendencies aiming at union. From the elevated position of his holy office, he as no one else, recognizes the universal historical importance of every contribution toward a fruitful understanding of the separated Churches.

"Thus, to the many reasons which demand the full territorial liberty of the Pope and of the government of the Catholic, universal Church, a new one has been added in our times: regard for the tendencies aiming at union, a regard which could be greatly furthered by an Ecumenical Council to be held on sovereign territory.

"In the recent articles in the organ of the Vatican, a chance has been offered to the Mussolini Government to show in how far it appreciates the importance of the liberty of the Church and of those mighty ideas which now stir the Christian intellectual world."

PREPARE FOR CHURCH UNITY OCTAVE

One month from now the observance of the Church Unity Octave (Jan. 18 to 25, 1928) will be at hand. Every year the agitation of the Re-union question among our separated brethren grows more noticeable. It should encourage us to pray more earnestly for the same end—knowing that real Catholic Unity can only be achieved by the return of all dissident Christians to the Communion and obedience of the Holy See.

Our power to help in bringing about that happy condition where there will be only "One Fold and One Shepherd" lies in prayer almost exclusively, therefore let us one and all faithfully observe the Church Unity Octave.

Latest Signatures to the Petition Asking Holy Father to Make the Church Unity Octave Universal in its Observance by Papal Rescript

ARCHBISHOPS: Most Rev. Louis Barlassina, Patriarch of Jerusalem, Palestine; Most Rev. Clement Michael Bacchache, Caleedon, Syria.

BISHOPS: Rt. Rev. Julius M. Courcoux, Bishop of Orleans, France, and Superior General of the Congregation of the Oratory; Rt. Rev. Msgr. Joseph Ghanima, Auxiliary Patriarch of Babylon, Mesopotamia; Rt. Rev. Msgr. Prospero Bernardi, O.S.M., Senna Madureira, Brazil.

VICARS APOSTOLIC: Rt. Rev. Msgr. Francis Wolf, S.V.D., East New Guinea; Rt. Rev. Msgr. Nathaniel deCleene, Leopoldville, Africa; Rt. Rev. Msgr. Edward J. Galvin, Hanyang, China.

PREFECTS APOSTOLIC: Rt. Rev. Victor Roman Zarate, O.S.A., Palawan, Philippine Islands.

HEADS OF RELIGIOUS ORDERS AND RECTORS OF PONTIFICAL COLLEGES: Rt. Rev. Vincent Barbarossa, Abbot General of the Camaldolese, Rome Italy; Most Rev. Joseph M. Troncoso, Superior General of the Society of St. Joseph, Mexico City, Mexico; Most Rev. Paul Voillard, Superior General of the Society of African Missions, Rome, Italy; Most Rev. Aloysius Tallada, Superior General of the Sons of the Holy Family, Barcellona, Spain; V. Rev. Peter Resch, Rector General of the Pallottini, Rome, Italy; Very Rev. Armand Oppitz, President of the Congregation of the Immaculate Conception, Vienna, Austria; Rt. Rev. Gabriel Aschouti, Abbot General of the Maronite Congregation of Aleppina, Grand iban, Syria; V. Rev. Sergius Der Abraamian, Rector of the Armenian Pontifical College, Rome, Italy; V. Rev. Peter Damian Buffadini, Prior of the Camaldolese Hermits, Arezzo, Italy; V. Rev. Joseph Mongian, Domestic Prelate, Jerusalem, Palestine; V. Rev. Athanasius Mogahgab, Patriarchal Vicar General to the Greek Catholics, Jerusalem, Palestine.

Total signatures previously published in THE LAMP 882; added above 21. Grand Total, 903.

APPRECIATION FROM ARMENIAN PRELATE

"One has only to glance on these papers (Church Unity Octave literature) to feel the grandeur and importance of this work, and to admire the ardent spirit which prays, thinks and acts to bring to Christ the entire Christian world, and guide it toward the much desired union of all churches—Ut omnes unum sint.

"Verily, many have desired this union, but to realize it you have been the first to form a peaceful army and launch it with its crusade of prayers for the conquest of Christian peace.

"We cannot doubt but that God will bless this work abundantly because He has promised to be where two or three will meet in His name. Therefore, let us pray."

A NEW CHURCH UNITY OCTAVE MANUAL

Rather recently a Bishop, who wrote us that he had *ex animo* signed the petition to the Holy Father to make universal the Church Unity Octave, added, "*I wish you would give us additional prayers and devotions for use during the Octave.*"

Bearing this in mind, we have prepared a new little brochure of twenty-four pages entitled, *A Manual of the Church Unity Octave.* This manual is especially adapted for congregational use and private devotion during the Octave. The contents are drawn from Holy Scripture and the Liturgy. Price, 10c each; $1.00 per dozen, $7.50 per 100.

It is dedicated "to their Eminences, the Cardinals, their Lordships, the Most Reverend Archbishops and Right Reverend Bishops and other Prelates, and to the Reverend Clergy and Religious, who petitioned His Holiness, the Pope, that the Octave be made universal throughout the Church." The Table of Contents is, *Origin and Development of the Church Unity Octave, The Apostolic Brief of Pope Benedict XV., Forms of Prescribed Prayer for Daily Recitation, The Mass* "AD TOLLENDUM SCHISMA" *with Office Commemoration and Additional Collects, Benediction, Hymns, Liturgical and Devotional Suggestions.* There are two hymns with music, the one we call *The Church Unity Octave Hymn* and the well known universal hymn *Long Live the Pope.*

It is very attractively gotten up with several illustrations and the initial letters of the title on the cover in red. We expect a wide-spread demand for this, which is published below cost price. Send in your orders early. Franciscan Friars of the Atonement, P. O. Garrison, N. Y.

MULTUM IN PARVO

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Converts are so numerous in the Yaunde section of Africa that three Masses must be said every Sunday in the church at Yaunde. Even then, only a fourth of the converts in the region are able to find room in the chapel, so the faithful are able to attend Mass only once a month. On big feast days, fifty or sixty thousand Christians and catechumens come in. Some of them walking a hundred miles. The four or five missioners spend the greater part of the twenty-four hours in the confessional, but even so they are unable to hear the confessions of all.

The sum of $1,147,299 was collected in the last fiscal year for the home missions in the United States and its dependencies through the medium of the Catholic Church Extension Society, it was reported at the twenty-second annual meeting of the Society in Chicago last month.

In the sumptuous work, "The World's Great Pictures," published by Funk and Wagnalls, we read: "Together with Velasquez, the greatest master of the school of Seville, and in fact of the whole Spanish school, is Bartolome Esteban Murillo. He was baptized on January 1, 1618, and was probably born the day before. His master was that very insignificant painter, Juan del Castillo, whose dry style his pupil fortunately never adopted. In fact, Murillo never discovered his own proper vocation in art until 1643, when Pedro de Moya, who had worked in England under Van Dyck's direction, initiated him into that great Flemish master's method of painting. Murillo then went to Madrid, where he was brought into contact with Velasquez, who gave him excellent advice. In 1654 he returned to Seville, where he led a busy, hard-working life until in 1682, the year of his death. These two greatest masters of the Spanish school are the dominating figures of their national art, and each of them carried the special style he had chosen to the height of perfection."

> It is pleasant to recall in this month of Our Lady's Immaculate Conception, as also of the Virgin Birth of the Savior of the World, that Pere Marquette named our greatest river after her.. "Above all," wrote Father Marquette, "I placed our voyage under the protection of the Holy Virgin Immaculate, promising that if she granted us the favor of discovering the great river, I would give it the name of Conception.". And so he called the Mississippi "Riviere de la Conception."

The *Wall Street Journal* again quotes President Coolidge: "I have the most conclusive evidence that arms and munitions in large quantities have been, on several occasions since August, 1926, shipped to the revolutionists in Nicaragua. Boats carrying those munitions have been fitted out in Mexican ports and some of the munitions bear evidence of having belonged to the Mexican government. It also appears that the ships were fitted out with the full knowledge of, and in some cases with the encouragement of Mexican officials and were, in one instance at least, commanded by a Mexican naval officer." It is not likely that the President of the United States would make that statement in a public document without evidence in his possession. He is a lawyer, trained to pass upon evidence, and he says it is' most conclusive.'

The fourth year of the operation of St. Philip Neri parish of Lapeer, Mich., on the "Lapeer Plan"—a model rural parish scheme whereby a group of missions covering two thousand square miles is consolidated into a centralized parish—has again shown remarkably good results. The report for the year has just been presented. Outstanding in the four-year history of the experiment is the fact that the spiritual life of the district has been more than doubled. Attendance at Mass on Sundays and Holy days has doubled, as has the attendance of children at religious instructions. The number of Communions has more than trebled. In 1923 the parish could hardly support one priest; today it supports four, and is one of the strongest parishes in the Diocese of Detroit. At the same time material progress has been made. Two new churches have been built and two reconstructed, and two rectories are now under construction.

Approximately $1,000,000 has been expended by the National Circle of the Daughters of Isabella during the past ten years in works of charity and education, according to officials of the organization. In addition to the erection of mission chapels in the South and Southwest, the Daughters are conducting homes for working girls in Alton and Peoria, Ill.; New Haven, Conn., and Terra Haute and Ft. Wayne, Ind.

The Vicariate Apostolic of Han Yang, over which the Holy Father has chosen Monsignor Galvin to rule as Bishop, is situated in the heart of China where the Han and Yangste rivers meet to form the largest river port in the world. Here in this great commercial center, with 50 priests of the Society of St. Columban, he administers to a flock of approximately twenty thousand souls, scattered through a pagan population of more than five million. Associated with the missionaries of Han Yang are the Sisters of Loretto, the Missionary Sisters of St. Columban, the Christian Brothers and a number of native priests and catechists.

With the acclaim over the completion of the Holland Tunnel one note of regret is mingled: The man who gave his name, years of his best work and his very life itself to that stupendous engineering achievement did not live to see it finished. But for the official decision to name the vehicular tube after him, Clifford Holland's name would today be remembered by few of the multitude who will benefit by his work.

The cooperation of the Department of Education of New York with the three great branches of religion — Catholic, Jewish and Protestant—offers a splendid example to the whole city, Cardinal Hayes told more than 1,700 Catholic teachers in the public schools, together with officers of the Board of Education and non-Catholic guests just before Thanksgiving Day, at a communion breakfast in the Hotel Commodore of Theta Pi Apha.

Three hundred and fifty Catholics representing every section of the 60,000 square miles of Georgia territory went to Macon October 23rd for the largest convention in the history of the Catholic Laymen's Association of Georgia, one made memorable by addresses by Rt. Rev. Michael J. Keyes, D.D., Bishop of Savannah, and Senator David I. Walsh of Massachusetts.

Heavy fighting is reported along the Tien tsin-Pukow Railway north of Minkkwang. The gravity of the situation has induced both American and British naval authorities to take action.

St. Cyprian's (colored) parish suffered heavily in the tornado that swept through the eastern section of Washington recently. Both the parish property and the homes of many parishioners were hard hit.

The correspondent of *Diario del Paso*, writing from Guadalajara tells of another ghastly outrage in which the forces of Calles hanged a priest from the church. When the Federals began the sack of Ejutla, the correspondent says, they discovered the priest of Union de Tutla, who had sought refuge in that place. Capturing him, he says, they inflicted all kinds of outrages on him, finally hanging him. Then, the correspondent continues, with a fury truly horrible they pillaged the church, throwing into the Plaza the statues of saints, the altars, confessionals and all objects of worship of no use to them. These things, the correspondent says, they formed into a huge pile. They placed the body of the priest on top of the pile and set fire to it.

The estate of the late John D. Spreckels recently paid the Sister Superior of Mercy Hospital, San Diego, the sum of $300,000 as provided in the will of Mr. Spreckels, who during his life was a benefactor of that institution. In the campaign conducted two years ago for the community wing in the Mercy Hospital, Mr. Spreckels was chairman. His efforts were successful and the erection and completion of the wing was largely due to his munificence. The erection of the Spreckels memorial wing, now assured, will give the hospital 350 rooms, thus making it one of the largest in the country.

A signal appreciation by the Holy See of the work of Rev. John J. Burke, C.S.P., General Secretary of the Welfare Conference, was recorded at N. C. W. C. headquarters in Washington on October 14, 1927, when the Most Reverend Pietro Fumasoni-Biondi, Apostolic Delegate to the United States, in the name of the Holy Father, conferred upon Father Burke the rarely bestowed Doctorate of Sacred Theology, HONORIS CAUSA—*an honor given only for exceptional literary excellence or exceptional service to the Church, and only after the most exhaustive examination of the writings and acts of the person proposed for the honor.*

Spurred by the presence of Archbishop Curley of Baltimore, the Rt. Rev. Thomas J. Shahan, rector of the Catholic University of America, Governor Albert E. Ritchie of Maryland, Joseph P. Tumulty, former secretary to President Woodrow Wilson, and many other distinguished members of the clergy and laity, the drive of the Catholic Charities of Washington for funds for the ensuing year was launched auspiciously at a banquet in the New Willard Hotel on Nov. 15. Nearly $10,000 of the $40,000 sought was subscribed at the dinner.

Greek Catholics in this country are cooperating in the winter's program of the Catholic Near East Welfare Association for the renewal of its charter members and the enrollment of a larger number of American Catholics to provide for its work in behalf of Russia and the Near East, the Rev. Dr. Edmund A. Walsh, vice-president of Georgetown University and president of the Association, announced from headquarters. "No body of people in the United States appreciate better the needs of the Near Eastern lands than the Catholics of the Greek Rite, for they have, for the most part, come from those very regions in which war, famine and persecution have wrought such havoc for many years," Dr. Walsh said.

Westminster Cathedral parish now has three chapels-of-ease, formerly non-Catholic places of worship.

PERSONALS

Daughter of the Duke de Guise, Pretender to the French Throne, and her husband, Prince Amadeo of Savoy, cousin of the King of Italy, were married in the Church of San Francesco di Paolo in Naples in the presence of such a gathering of royalty as Naples has not seen in a generation.

In the interest of World Peace, Rabbi Wise recently quoted the Latvian Prime Minister as saying last summer that Europe is maintaining 3,000,000 men under arms at a cost of $1,500,000,000 a year. "Wilson's war to end war becomes a tragic jest in the light of this statement," Rabbi Wise commented. Nations do not feel themselves bound by the moral code as decent men feel. States must accept a moral code; they must have the same inexorable standard of morality in their dealings with foreign nations as we have in our dealings with our fellow men.

John D. Rockefeller took part in the exercises attending the dedication of an American flag, which was raised on the staff on the lawn in front of the Church of the Magdalene at Pocantico Hills, N. Y., last month. The flag was a gift of Judge Henry Logan to the church and its pastor, the Rev. Aloysius C. Dineen, a regular army chaplain during the World War. Mr. Rockefeller said he wished to pay tribute to Fr. Dineen for the very good work being done in his parish and expressed the hope that he might be able to help the Father and his church.

Dean Inge of St. Paul's, London, saw fit to insult the Catholic Church and Father Francis Woodlock, S. J., through the columns of the London Evening Standard. But it is well to recollect that many of his fellow Anglican clergymen do not attach much importance to what "the gloomy dean" may say.

Frederick F. Fitzpatrick, president of the American Locomotive Company, and an outstanding figure in the industrial world, died at his home in Larchmont in November. He had suffered for several months from chronic myocarditis but had been much benefited by a recent vacation, and his death was unexpected. Mr. Fitzpatrick was a member of several clubs including the Catholic Club of New York City.

Msgr. Valerio Valeri, who has been a member of the Nuncio's staff in Paris since the resumption of relations between the Holy See and France, has now been appointed to the post of Apostolic Delegate to Egypt and Arabia.

Cardinal Legate in Act of Laying Little Flower Memorial Corner Stone. St. Paul's Friary in the Background.

CARDINAL BONZANO DIES IN ROME

Former Apostolic Delegate to the United States and Papal Legate to Eucharistic Congress Expires in 61st Year.

As The Lamp is going to press we learn of the death of His Eminence John Cardinal Bonzano, beloved by Americans as the gracious representative of the Holy See at Washington for several years, given appreciative notice by the whole American Press in 1926 when he was Papal Legate to the Eucharistic Congress in Chicago, and now commanding the front pages of our American dailies in obituary notices and appreciations. From the Rome dispatch, Nov. 26, we select at this time only a few paragraphs:

"The Cardinal prepared for the serious operation as if he were preparing for death, it became known today. For two or three days before he went to the hospital he spent his time arranging his affairs so that in the event of his death all worldly matters would have been concluded. Just before the operation last Saturday morning he confessed to Father Alisiardi and took Communion administered by Canon Bina, who was a friend of more than a quarter century's standing.

"While the Cardinal was in the hospital he took Communion daily and just before his death received the last sacraments and the papal benediction.

"Just before Cardinal Bonzano went on the table he was informed that prayers were being said for him by hundreds of persons and he replied: "I do not know if these prayers will aid me to get well, but I am sure they will aid me to die well, and so I am grateful to those who pray for me."

The Cardinal passed away peacefully in the presence of a brother and sister, who came from Piedmont to see him, and others who knelt as he was dying.

Pope Pius was so distressed at the death of Cardinal Bonzano, which, complicated with the indisposition of Cardinal Gasparri and the illness of Cardinal de Lai, made him for a moment think of postponing the consistory next month.

According to the story he once told there was never any doubt in his mind from early boyhood but that he should be a priest. He was born in northern Italy, where piety served by alert intelligence has given countless Cardinals and many Popes to the Church.

He was appointed Rector of the College of Propaganda, in Rome, engaged in training missionaries, in 1906, and became a domestic prelate of the Pope. After being recalled from Washington he was created Cardinal.

Graymoor Annals.

There was a clothing in the Convent Chapel of Our Lady of the Angels on Friday, November 10th. The usual beautiful weather which might be called Our Lady of the Atonement's weather prevailed. The Chapel was crowded and the congregation flowed into the ante-room of the Convent during the impressive ceremony. Nine Postulants received the brown habit of the Sisters of the Atonement and the white veil worn by Novices. The happy virgins clothed on that auspicious day were as follows: Mary Bennett, N. Y. City, Sister Perpetua; Margaret Mary Sullivan, also of New York City, known in religion as Sister Mary Augustine; Helen Petronilla Finn, of North Andover, Mass., receiving the name of Sister Vincentia; Margaret A. McDonough, N. Y. City, is now Sister Martha Maria; Elinore Ruebeck, Brooklyn, N. Y. C., has become Sister Mary Lawrence; Florence Agnes Slavin, N. Y. City, is Sister Mary Theresa; Mary Bernadette Bahm, all the way from Guelph, Canada, now rejoices to be called Sister Mary Bernard; Eva Sadik, of Yonkers, N. Y. has become Sister Anastasia; Mary CoDyre, from Chatham, Canada, was given the name of Sister Mary Eileen.

During the month of October two bands of the Sisters of the Atonement left the Mother House at Graymoor for the purpose of establishing new houses of their Congregation. Sister Eucharia, S.A., headed the little company of Sisters whose destination was Massena on the American bank of the St. Lawrence in the Diocese of Ogdensburg. Massena is a manufacturing town and the Sisters will have charge of 600 children. There is no parochial school and it will be their mission to instruct the children in catechism, organize them into Confirmation and holy Communion classes and serve as shepherdesses of these lambs of Christ's Fold. The second band headed by Sister Mary Thomas crossed the entire Continent, their destination being Bakersfield in the Diocese of Fresno, California. The new house established by them bears the name of the Mission of Our Lady of Guadalupe because they will minister to the refugee Mexicans driven out of their own country by persecution and settling as laborers on the fertile lands of California. The branch houses established by the Sisters of the Atonement now number twelve, viz., St. Cecilia's and St. Clare's Missions in the City of New York; St. Simon's Mission in Philadelphia; their House at The Vineyard attached to the Atonement Seminary of the Holy Ghost; Our Lady of Victory at Sour Lake, Texas; St. Francis House, Hereford, Texas; Presentation Convent, Midland, Pa., and St. John the Baptist Convent, Monaco, both in the Diocese of Pittsburgh; Our Lady of the Atonement Mission, in the Diocese of Edmonton, Smoky Lake, Alberta, Canada, and Catholic Japanese Mission in Vancouver, British Columbia. It may truly be said that the Sisters of the Atonement are now established from the Pacific to the Atlantic, from the Gulf of Mexico in the South to 600 miles nearer the Arctic Circle than Montreal in the North. Next year the Mother General has promised the Archbishop of Manila to establish a House of the Franciscan Sisters of the Atonement in the Philippine Islands. Thus by degrees the Sisters are realizing their vocation of "becoming missionaries in all lands." The degree of rapidity with which their world-wide mission will be fulfilled under God's Providence depends upon the number of new subjects who are received at Graymoor. It is a beautiful vocation and we commend it to the consideration of those holy Catholic maidens who have conceived within their hearts the desire of consecrating themselves to Christ the King as His Missionary Servants and wish to obey His Command:: *"Go ye into all the world and make disciples of all nations."*

Meantime the Franciscan Friars of the Atonement are also increasing in numbers. As yet they have been able to establish only two Houses as departures from the Mother House on the Mount of the Atonement, namely, the Atonement Seminary of the Holy Ghost, commonly called The Vineyard, adjoining the grounds of the Catholic University at Washington, D. C. and St. Anthony's Mission in Hereford, Texas. There are at present only five professed Fathers and two Tertiary Priests in the Congregation but there are SIXTY STUDENTS FOR THE PRIESTHOOD and this number will be largely increased when the Little Flower Memorial gives us more room to receive postulants. It is only a matter of time, therefore, when the Franciscan Friars of the Atonement as well as the Sisters will begin to branch out and enter the Mission Field at home and abroad to propagate the Faith and extend the Kingdom of God. The Friars also will welcome new recruits to their Order as well as the Sisters.

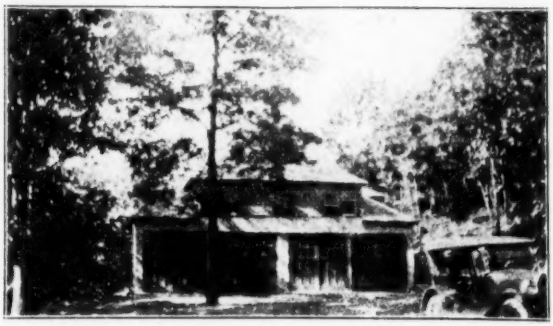
At 9:30 on the morning of Thanksgiving Day, November 24th, John Matheis, the Friary Chauffeur, was married with a Nuptial Mass in St. John's to Miss Catherine De Pew of Peekskill.

In the evening in the Sisters' Hall a very interesting lecture was given by Very Reverend Dom Wilfrid Upson, O.S.B., Prior of Caldey, the well-known Monastic Island off the coast of Wales, who is now in America and has been our guest for a fortnight. A film illustrating many scenes on the beautiful Island was thrown on the screen.

GRAYMOOR BURSES

The outstanding feature of the Graymoor Burse Report for October is the contribution made to the Holy Spirit Burse by the Knights of Columbus, in particular the $290.00 raised at the entertainment on the occasion of the meeting of the Hudson Valley Chapter of the Knights of Columbus at Graymoor on Sunday, October 16th. Altogether this Burse has been enriched by a total of $421.00 during October. With this forward impulse we trust the Knights will keep the Holy Spirit Burse moving.

The position of the various Uncompleted Burses relative to each other remains stationary this month with the exception of Our Lady of Lourdes which has changed rungs with Our Lady of Perpetual Help. The Little Flower Burse is pressing close to St. George's and unless Father Rausch from Rome sends powerful reinforcements the Little Flower next month will take rank next to the Sacred Heart at the top of the ladder. St. Anthony and Brother Philip Self-Denial are getting into close proximity, with the prospect of Brother Philip overtaking St. Anthony's Burse Number Two. The Burse of St. Simon and St. Jude is increasing in popularity and very probably it will make an ascent of one or two rungs next month. Saint Christopher too will likely ascend the ladder in the next thirty days.



The Graymoor Garage, opposite the Lamp Building. The rooms up-stairs afford housing for some of the men.

COMPLETED BURSES

Sacred Heart, St. Peter, St. Francis, St. Anthony, St. Agnes, Our Lady of La Salette, Poor Souls No. 1, Poor Souls No. 2 and John Reid.

UNCOMPLETED BURSES

(1) Sacred Heart No. 2: Mrs. J. L. L., 25c; Mrs. W. R., 25c; Mrs. W. J. J., $4; M. T., $5; C. R. K., $1; Mr. and Mrs. C. P., $2; Mrs. M. A. M., $1; C. B., $5; M. J. H., $1; M. A. G., 25c; M. C., 50c; Mrs. C. W., $1; No name, $2.50; Mrs. E. McG., $1; C. R. K., $1; C. R. K., $1. Total, $4,675.50.

(2) St. George: J. O., $1. Total, $4,004.00.

(3) Little Flower: Father A. J. M., $1; M. G. D., $6; Mrs. H. K., $1; Mr. and Mrs. C. P., $1; C. L. DeB., $2.50; A. R., $2; Mrs. A. H., $2. Total, $3,394.94.

(4) Holy Spirit: Vincent A. Murray, Cold Spring, N. Y., $100; R. B. Kane, Fishkill, N. Y., $5; Hudson Valley K. of C. Benefit Entertainment, $290.06; H. J. Cox, Highland Falls, N. Y., $1; Mrs. Colwell, Cold Spring, N. Y., $25. Total, $3,254.36.

(5) St. Anthony No. 2: Mrs. J. L. L., 25c; Mrs. W. R., 25c; Mrs. H. K., $1; S. D., $25; Mrs. A. M., $1; Mrs. J. J. J., $1; C. R. K., $1; J. O., $1; L. B. A., $2; Mrs J. L. H., $5. Total, $2,827.98.

(6) Brother Philip Self-Denial: C. M. B., $2; J. L. M., $1; Mrs. J. H. B., $3; Mr. and Mrs. C. P., $1; M. T. M., $1; Mrs. G. W. M., $1; K. A., $1; H. J. M., $1; Mrs. W. E. C., $1; M. M. I., $1; Mrs. S., $2; Mrs. H. P. F., $1; Mrs. J. J. F., $9; E. B., $5; J. B., $1; C. R. K., $1; Mrs. A. P., $2; Mrs. E. C., $5; J. O., $1; D. I. O'C., $5; Mrs. M. M., $1. Total, $2,616.71.

(7) St. Francis Xavier: Total, $2,357.55.

(8) Our Lady of the Atonement: Mrs. W. R., 25c; E. H., $2; B. A. D., $1; Mrs. E. B., $5. Total, $2,153.35.

(9) St. Joseph: Mrs. J. L. L., 25c; Mrs. W. R., 25c; C. B., $5; Miss C. B., $5; A. R., $2; Mrs. M. F. M., $5. Total, $1,269.20.

(10) St. Paul: Total, $1,128.05.

(11) Our Lady of Lourdes: Mrs. L. A., 10c; Mrs. J. L. L., 25c; Mr. and Mrs. C. P., $1; C. L. deO., $20. Total, $865.66.

(12) Our Lady of Perpetual Help: C. R. K., $4; F. E., $2. Total, $853.25.

(13) St. John the Baptist: F. J. L., $5. Total, $830.25.

(14) Sts. Simon and Jude: M. J. C., $1; Miss J. K., $1; Mrs. A. E. K., $1; A. M. R., $1; A. C. D., $5; J. F. O'B., 50c; C. L. DeB., $2.50; Mrs. H. P., $1; Mrs. A. K., $1; M. A. K., 50c; A. B. C., $2.50; M. A. B., $2. Total, $810.02.

(15) Hope: M. L. D., $2. Total, $748.05.

(16) St. Rita: W. F. T., $2.50; Mrs. E. F., $1; F. O'M., $1; Mrs. E. J. P., $1; Mrs. M. F. T., $1; H. K., $1. Total, $731.38.

(17) St. Vincent: Total, $610.50.

(18) Pius X: R. M., $1. Total, $527.00.

(19) St. Ann: J. C., $2; E. F., $1; J. N., $1. Total, $526.98.

(20) Immaculate Conception: Mr. and Mrs. C. P., $1. Total, $492.25.

(21) St. Christopher: L. A., $1; G. J. D., $1; Mrs. J. M., $1; H. W., $1; W. F. T., $5; Mrs. M. O'N., $1; Mrs. Mary D., $1; A. V., $1; J. F. O'B., $1; C. R. K., $1; Mrs. J. C., $25; R. M., $5. Total, $463.64.

(22) St. Patrick: J. G. O'D., $5. Total, $391.75.

(23) Father Drumgoole: Sr. F. S. A., $2; M. A. F., $1; H. T. M., $5. Total, $376.00.

(24) Holy Face: C. R. K., $5. Total, $328.60.

(25) Our Lady of Victory: A. McG., $1. Total, $292.65.

(26) Sacred Shoulder of Our Lord: Mrs. E. H., $15. Total, $288.00.

(27) Holy Souls: Mr. and Mrs. C. P., $1; Mrs. M. E. T., $1; Mrs. H. M. B., $1. Total, $260.85.

(28) St. Margaret Mary: M. R., $5. Total, $212.95.

(29) Holy Child Jesus: Total, $192.23.

(30) St. William: Total, $191.00.

(31) St. Francis of Assisi: Total, $164.60.

(32) Precious Blood: Mrs. J. D., $1. Total, $110.60.

(33) Blessed Sacrament: Total, $156.00.

(34) St. Boniface: Mrs. F. S., $1. Total, $142.00.

(35) Five Wounds: C. R. K., $2; L. N., $1. Total, $128.85.
(36) Holy Family: Total, $122.05.
(37) St. Nicholas: Mrs. J. J. C., $5. Total, $100.00.
(38) Sorrowful Mother: Total, $92.00.
(39) St. Joan of Arc: V. C. F., $10. Total, $72.50.
(40) Thy Kingdom Come: Total, $6.00.
(41) Holy Magi: M. R. N., $11. Total, $12.00.

ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOME AND GRAVE OF BROTHER PHILIP, T.S.A.

The Minister General accompanied by Father Mercer and Brothers Fidelis, Leonard and Anthony with William Matheis at the wheel left Graymoor by automobile at 20 minutes to ten and reached Waterbury at 12 o'clock on the Feast of St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Saturday, November 19th. It was a clear day and with a nipping frost in the air. The Pilgrims were entertained at dinner by Edward Maher, the only nephew of John Reid, and his wife who was assisted in serving the dinner by her sister, Miss Cass, a teacher in the Waterbury High School. The dinner would have done justice to Delmonico. After dinner the Pilgrims accompanied by Mr. Maher drove out to Reidville visiting the Reid Farm. Half of the original acreage including the homestead where the first Mass in Waterbury was celebrated is now held by the Friars of the Atonement. Here it is our fond desire in the not far distant future to erect a High School for boys which possibly may develop later into a College.

Thanks to the generosity of those who have learned to invoke Brother Philip we were able on this occasion to reduce the debt on the property by a check for $1,500.00; about $6,000 remains to be paid on the property before it is free of financial embarrassment. We will be glad to have those who receive favors through the intercession of Brother Philip to divide their offerings more evenly between the Brother Philip Burse and the Reidville Farm. An increasing number of Waterbury Catholics are realizing that they had a Saint in their midst and "knew it not" and now that they are waking up to the fact they are asking WHEN the new High School is to be started. With sixty young men studying for the priesthood in our Order it ought not to be such a long time when a commencement can be made, but schools of every sort in these days are an expensive proposition and the contributions towards the Reidville property will have to be very much increased before the corner-stone is laid.

From Reidville we went to St. Joseph's Cemetery to reverently pray beside the grave of the holy servant of God. Upon the granite shaft in the center of the family burial plot is carved the following epitaph:

John Reid, Brother Philip, T.S.A.
Born January 30, 1840—Died January 30, 1922
Perfect Observer U. N. B. L.

Pictures of Brother Philip will be sent upon request. No charge, but any offering will be added to the fund the Friars have started in anticipation of his beatification.

See our big Prize Contest notice for 50,000 new Lamp Subscribers on page 363. It is a Jubilee undertaking.

THIRTEEN HUNDRED MORE TO REACH THE GOAL

The Treasurer's Report, published below, shows that $1,270.77 was still required on November 1st to reach the Goal of Six Thousand Dollars, or Twenty Scholarships for Students' Bread during 1927. This means an average of $635.00 for November and December. Will not HUNDREDS of our LAMP Readers come to the support of the Drive at the Eleventh Hour and in honor of the Infant Jesus during the Christmas holidays send a dollar or more to Graymoor for the support of sixty young men we now have studying for the Priesthood in the Congregation of the Franciscan Friars of the Atonement? Somehow we believe in the short time between now and December 1st the shortage will be forthcoming and the drive for Twenty Scholarships will "go over the top."

October Contributions for Students' Bread

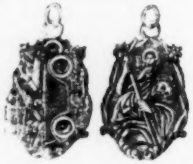
Previously Reported: $4,285.49. Mrs. M. C., $2; M. McD., $2; S. H., $1; Visitors, $15.50; Mrs. J. G., $2; Mrs. J. M. M., $1; N. M., $10; Mrs. J. G. D., $5; M. P., $2; Mrs. E. H., $1; E. A. K., $50; P. A., $5; R. McC., $2; H. J. F., $4; S. H. H., $2; Visitors, $22; M. A. B., $1; M. McD., $3; J. G. and F., $50; Mr. and Mrs. L. S. G., $8; A. O'C., $3; A. Z., $1; Mrs. J. R., $2; Mrs. E. A. McL., $2; H. O. H., $8; M. B. G., $5; C. H. McK., $1; Visitors, $90; J. G. G., $1; A. G. R., $6; Sr. M. D. S., $10; S. J. M., $5; A. J. K., $100; J. C., 24c; J., $10; C. W., $5; Mrs. R. J. B., $1.50; M. G. H., $1; Mrs. A. H., $4; R. J. O'B., $5; F. W., $1; D. S., $5; Mrs. H. M. A., $5; M. F. N., $10; M. M., $70; J. F., $1; M. McL., $2.50. Grand Total to October 31, $4,725.23.

ST. CHRISTOPHER'S INN

St. Christopher's Inn Number Two is now in process of construction. It is built on the model of the army barracks, being a long building one story high. At one end there will be a chapel or oratory where Mass can be said for the Brothers Christopher and the Rosary devotions in the evening. Sliding doors will shut this off from the common room for the men so that it can be changed at a moment from a chapel into a reading room or recreation hall for the occupants of the Inn. Someone already has promised to supply a Statue of St. Christopher which will stand in a niche above the altar; for this chapel will be the first oratory in honor of St. Christopher erected on the Mount of the Atonement. Others, we are sure, will supply the furnishings which we list as follows: Altar, $125; 6 Altar Candle Sticks, $50.00; Altar Crucifix, $25.00; Vestment case for the Sacristy, $50.00; Statues of Our Lady and St. Joseph, $75.00 each; Missal, $10.00; Missal Stand, $15.00.

The cost of St. Christopher's Inn, Number Two, is being largely paid for by those who send offerings and ask in exchange for either a pocket medal of St. Christopher or a medal for their car. These medals are illustrated on another page. We invite our LAMP readers to secure their St. Christopher's medal by making an offering towards the erection of this new lodging house for wayfaring men at Graymoor. See illustration on next page.

Colonel Lindbergh and illustration of St. Christopher Medal somewhat similar to one which he carried in his pocket on his flight to Paris.



Automobile Medal Below

Below see Picture of Present St. Christopher's Inn which was built of logs in 1909 and has been filled upstairs and down with wayfaring men ever since and after eighteen years of service badly needs a successor. We are asking those who ride in motor cars to build for Homeless Men a New Graymoor Inn, by sending a small offering in return for which the Friars will gladly send one of the medals illustrated on this page.

A temporary bungalow to accommodate the overflow from the old Inn until a New and Better Inn can be erected is Right Now under Construction. It will be ready in about two months. Funds are much needed.

Commander Byrd and fac-simile of medal which he took with him on his trans-Atlantic flight.

Owing to extra cost of the above Medal which we call the "Byrd Medal" of St. Christopher we can only send it to those whose gift to the New St. Christopher's Inn is not less than Two Dollars.

How Shall We Celebrate the Lamp's Silver Jubilee

A CONFERENCE WITH LAMP SUBSCRIBERS

THE LAMP FIRST SAW THE LIGHT OF DAY IN FEBRUARY, 1903. IT WILL BE TWENTY-FIVE YEARS OF AGE IN FEBRUARY 1928. ITS SILVER JUBILEE, THEREFORE, IS CLOSE AT HAND. HOW SHALL WE CELEBRATE IT IN A NOTEWORTHY MANNER? THIS QUESTION HAS SUGGESTED TO THE EDITOR A PRACTICAL ANSWER. LET IT BE COMMEMORATED BY ADDING FIFTY THOUSAND NEW RECRUITS TO OUR LAMP ARMY. WE, THEREFORE, PROPOSE TO OUR LAMP ARMY LOYALISTS, NOW ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND IN NUMBER, A UNITED DRIVE TO ADD FIFTY THOUSAND MORE SUBSCRIBERS TO THE MAILING LIST OF THE LAMP. WE KNOW IT CAN BE DONE AND IN ORDER TO ENCOURAGE OUR READERS TO ENTER THE CAMPAIGN WITH ENTHUSIASM AND A DETERMINATION TO CARRY THE DRIVE OVER THE TOP, WE HAVE SET ASIDE A SUM OF NOT LESS THAN TWENTY-FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS; (*One Hundred Dollars for each year of the Silver Jubilee* TO BE DISTRIBUTED IN PRIZES AMONG THOSE CAMPAIGN WORKERS WHO SECURE THE LARGEST NUMBER OF NEW SUBSCRIBERS.

We prepared the way for this Announcement last month by telling our readers that we had what we believed to be an INSPIRATION and that it only needed the Cordial Cooperation of the Members of our LAMP Army to put it into GLORIOUS EFFECT. The proposal was that EVERY EXISTING LAMP SUBSCRIBER should secure at least one FOUR MONTH TRIAL SUBSCRIPTION to THE LAMP FOR THE VERY SMALL SUM OF TWENTY-FIVE CENTS. WHO WOULD REFUSE TO TAKE SUCH A TRIAL SUBSCRIPTION, IF THEY KNEW IT WAS TO COST THEM ONLY A QUARTER? There is hardly a member of our LAMP Army who could not secure by a little effort More Than One Such Subscription. Everybody turning in a new subscription will receive a Subscription Coupon if it is a twenty-five cent one. He who secures a Year's Subscription will receive five coupons. A number could club together and help each other in a contest to win one of the prizes. THE HIGHEST SINGLE PRIZE WILL BE FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS and they will be graded down to as small amounts as five, ten and twenty-five dollars so as to give a large number of subscribers an opportunity to secure one of the prizes. ALTOGETHER ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-FIVE PRIZES WILL BE DISTRIBUTED.

Subscription blanks will be provided upon application, but it is not necessary to have them. Just secure the subscription, send the names of the new subscribers and a Money Order or Check for the amount collected. Of course, subscriptions will have to be paid in advance. UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SEND CASH FOR THERE IS TOO GREAT RISK OF THE MONEY BEING LOST IN THE MAIL. Any one not receiving a receipt for one or more subscriptions mailed to the Graymoor Press, Peekskill, N. Y. within two weeks should write asking the reason why and in that event REGISTER THE LETTER to make entirely sure that we get it.

Don't destroy any coupons but hold them until the contest is finished and the Fifty Thousand new subscriptions are secured. Don't delay but begin as a Campaign Worker at once.

HER STRATEGY

The Baron de Livois, a member of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, was out begging for the poor. He came to the house of a lady he knew to be well off and charitably inclined. He found her mending her stockings.

"It seems to me, said he, "that your means would permit you to buy new ones."

"True enough," replied she, "but I economize for the sake of the poor so that I may have something to give to them."

"Splendid," exclaimed the Baron, "I have come precisely to ask you for help for the poor."

The good lady rose, went to her secretary and brought out a bank note of a large denomination. She gave it to the Baron smilingly, with her left hand. This peculiarity did not escape his notice.

"That the right hand may not know what the left hand is doing," she answered, smiling still, "else it would not be so willing to keep on mending these old stockings."

It has been decided to reestablish the archiepiscopal seat at Rhodes which has been discontinued for four hundred and five years. The Catholic population of the Island of Rhodes was considerably increased when Italy took over the civil administration, and now totals about 9,000, including the Italian soldiers, officials and laborers occupied on public works. Yet the Catholic Church of Rhodes is administered by a simple Apostolic Prefect, whereas some of the other islands of the Aegean which have a Catholic population of only a few hundred are administered by bishops. The Italian government is anxious to revive the glorious traditions of the Knights of Rhodes who in the Middle Ages made the island the center of Christian civilization in the eastern Mediterranean. Premier Mussolini has offered to restore the ancient Cathedral of Rhodes, rebuild the seminary and the bishop's palace, and establish a suitable archiepiscopal residence.

May we love thee with all our heart, thinking always of thee, with our whole soul desiring thee always.—*St. Francis.*

A Fortnight Left to Wipe Out U. N. B. L. Deficit

By the time this issue of THE LAMP reaches the homes of its Readers only two weeks will remain before the end of December. We make an earnest appeal to those of our Readers, who during the year have not sent a contribution to the General Fund of the *Union-That-Nothing-Be-Lost*, to make a Self-Denial offering during the next Fortnight towards Wiping Out the balance of the U. N. B. L. Deficit. What a joy it would be, if we could end the year with all bills paid, all debts liquidated and an actual cash balance in the treasury! Such a blissful state for our Missionary Union can only be realized by a very general response of LAMP Readers to this Last Call to gather up the fragments that remain lest the U. N. B. L. suffer loss. This appeal is not intended for those who have already made their annual offering to the *Union-That-Nothing-Be-Lost* but to the many thousands who have neglected to do so until now. Remember the spiritual privileges afforded to those who are ACTIVE MEMBERS of the *Union*, namely their share in over Three Thousand Masses said by Missionary and Religious Priests and then besides their participation through almsgiving in the great harvest of souls reaped by the Missionaries in home and foreign fields. The charity of the *Union-That-Nothing-Be-Lost* is world-wide; assistance is rendered to missionaries on every Continent. Just One Dollar sent to the *Union-That-Nothing-Be-Lost* before December 31st will make you an active member of the *Union* and a sharer in all its benefits, spiritual favors and graces. IT IS WORTH WHILE: Please act at once while this Appeal is fresh in your mind. You will not regret it on the Day of Judgment. May a regular landslide of belated Self-Denial offerings pour into the treasury of the *Union-That-Nothing-Be-Lost* during this last two weeks of the year of Grace, 1927.

FATHER COENEN'S LATEST LETTER TELLING OF THE PROGRESS HIS BUILDING OPERATIONS ARE MAKING

My dear Father:

Thanking you most sincerely for your undiminished endeavors to swell the Nangina Fund, I hasten to acknowledge the receipt of a check for $23. My sincere thanks also for the short articles which you are publishing regularly and through which efforts you are touching the hearts of our great mission-friends, without whose cooperation under God the establishment of this new mission-station would be a hopeless task.

Of course things do not go as quickly as in America and building here in Central Africa is a most tedious job. First of all because the heat during the day under the tropical sun is nearly unbearable and when the night cometh, you know, no one worketh. Secondly to build with native masons and carpenters is very disappointing and unless one overlooks it all, measures out everything and one is a practical architect, you may find out that the walls are leaning over and not straight, the corners not square and the doors upside down.

Here I am quite by myself, forty-two miles from Mumias without even the consolation of having our Blessed Lord abide with me, because I have not got a decent place to keep Him except a mud and grass building, of which interior I am sending you a picture, which shed has to serve presently as my dwelling house, or villa, as well as my school to teach in. The first building of two rooms is nearly completed and before this letter reaches you I sincerely hope to settle down in it and will be starting another one which presently will serve as sacristy and sanctuary with an open place in front with short grass where the Christians can hear Holy Mass in the open air.

The Prefect has promised me a companion priest at the end of October or beginning of November when a few new priests will be coming out to strengthen our forces.

Dear Father, you were so extremely kind as to promise me your full-hearted support and cooperation in this most important and difficult undertaking, you are giving it most zealously and unfailingly, but may I humbly beg of you also to ask the good Reverend Franciscan monks and the Rev. Sisters of the Atonement once more for their most powerful prayers in order that our dear Lord may bless my

humble endeavors, may give me encouragement in this holy task and enlighten me to accomplish successfully this great work, which I started for His greater honor and glory in a country still heathen but most anxious to embrace His holy religion.

Gratefully and sincerely yours,

P. COENEN.

Nangina, Mjanji P. O., B. E. Africa.

SUPPORT OF NANGINA MISSION IN EQUATORIAL AFRICA GATHERING MOMENTUM

The report of offerings for Nangina, Fr. Coenen's new Mission, as published below, is the best we have yet had since THE LAMP published its first appeal. We have entertained the greatest confidence in our Readers from the beginning that they would prove Father Coenen's RIGHT HAND and although it has been an up-hill task to get our *U. N. B. L.* cohorts interested this month's report is the most encouraging until now and it shows that the movement is actually getting under way and gathering some momentum. A total of $158.00 for one month is not to be despised and with free labor on the part of his native Christians quite a little building can be accomplished for that amount in Africa.

Contributions for Nangina Mission During October

Previously Reported: $724.70. Mrs. E. J. D., $25.00; S. M. B., $2; P. B. P., $10; J. J. W., $2; D. W. H., $100; S. B., $2; M. C. B., $1; J. J. W., $1; Mrs. K. J. D., $10; L. S., $5. Total for the Month, $158. Grand Total to November 1st, $882.70.

Father Coenen calls this his temporary "Cathedral."

BISHOP OF KOTTAYAM PLEADS FOR HIS SEMINARY

Reverend Dear Father Paul:

I have not heard from you for a long time. I hope you have not forgotten my many needs. Since the creation of the Diocese of Kottayam, my first attempt is the establishment of a Diocesan Seminary for the education of the native clergy, which is the great need of the day in the mission field.

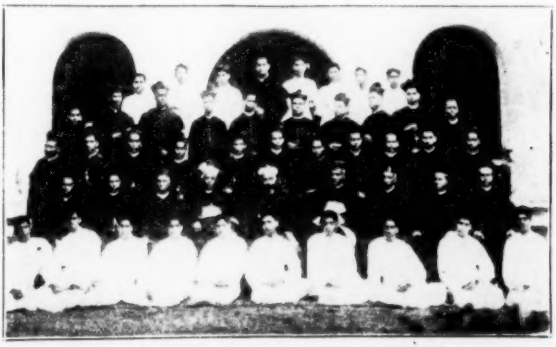
The chapel of Our Lady of the Atonement is today the chapel of the seminary, but in reality I have not any seminary building. Some rooms have been lent us, but now, with the increase of seminarists, a separate house is necessary and I have laid the foundation of the building but have not been able to proceed for want of means. Must I fail? Is not the Sacred Heart rich enough to help? Certainly He is, and with unlimited confidence in Him I am going on. It will cost $1,000.00. What lover of the Sacred Heart will give it?

I am enclosing a photograph of some of my priests, taken after the Retreat in 1926; the priests are in black cassocks, the seminarists in white.

As I said above, I so need a house for my fifty seminarists and the staff, for which the modest sum of $1,000 mentioned above, will suffice. May I hope in the Sacred Heart that you will enable me to find a benefactor, whom may God reward!

With prayers for the Society of the Atonement and my blessing on you all,

Yours devotedly in the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary,
Alexander Chulaparambil,
Bishop of Kottayam.
Travancore,
British India



Priests and Seminarists under the Bishop of Kottayam

NOTICE

See Lamp's Silver Jubilee prize-winning Contest for New Subscriptions page 363. Fifty thousand new Recruits to our Lamp Army is the goal.

CARMELITE PRIOR WISHES TO KEEP SCHOOLS OPEN

My Dear Father:

This is a very propitious time for our Missions. Large numbers are converted every year from the depressed classes to the true fold. There is a great Rome-ward movement among the dissident sects. Last ecclesiastical returns give 4,700,725 communions in our Missions and 18,105 conversions in all.

Small chapels and schools are sorely needed for our Christian Communities. In some places there is not even a shed for Divine worship. And sorry to say, I am now forced to close one of our schools—the only Catholic school in a vast district, having a great future before it, owing to the huge annual deficit and debts it entails at present, on the poor Mission.

More than 20 Indian aspirants for priesthood are praying Heaven for Benefactors who would help them to the altar.

If we could only open an Industrial School and give work, a pagan community here is ready to embrace our religion, en masse. To start a printing press to diffuse Catholic literature and religious books is a long-felt desideratum. $700 would enable us to set our hands to the work.

But our opponents are lavishing money and spreading their propaganda against us and the Church of God. Our financial status is nothing but deplorable, especially after the World War and heavy floods.

I, therefore, pray God earnestly and raise my suppliant hands to you for help. Without your help we cannot do anything in the Missions, for the salvation of souls. Alms, Masses, Church goods, Catholic literature are all most welcome, in any quality and quantity.

In return we assure you our eternal gratitude and particularly our daily prayers for all your intentions.

Recommending ourselves and our works to your charity and prayers, I beg to remain,

Yours sincerely,

W. John Je'my,

Prior General.

Carmelite Monastery,
Thevaray, Ernakulam,
South India.

SISTER ST. THOMAS NEEDS OUR HELP

The Editor of THE LAMP has just received from Sister St. Thomas, a Jubilarian Sister in charge of an Indian Orphanage at Family, Montana, the following letter:

Very dear Father:

Many thanks for the cassocks. Sister was glad to get them for her boys. With all that I got from my Golden Jubilee and 76th Birthday it has been almost enough to give us our lights in hopes of my getting $1,500.00 more which I am begging all over. They are at work at them now. It will take a few weeks to do all, so I am in hopes I may get this amount together so all can be paid for. May I beg of you Father to give me some help towards getting it. I will continue to pray for you and all who have helped through your Lamp Magazine.

A Carmelite seminarian who prays for his Lamp benefactors daily.

Please pray for me as I am not at all well, very lame and in pain with rheumatism, I try to do all my work just the same but at times find it very hard.

Most Respectfully in the Sacred Heart,

SISTER ST. THOMAS.

Our Readers will recall how we published in THE LAMP last Spring about the Golden Jubilee of this faithful servant of God. At the time the cows were dying for want of food owing to the failure of the crops. Not a few came generously to the assistance of Sister St. Thomas and her Indian boys as a result of that appeal. Encouraged by the help she received Sister St. Thomas made a venture of faith, as she relates, and is equipping the orphanage with electric lights. Having begun a good work I feel confident that our generous LAMP Readers will see also that the $1,500.00 is forthcoming by the time the electricians are finished with their job. Please send your offerings either through the medium of the *Union-That-Nothing-Be-Lost* or directly to Sister St. Thomas, Family, Montana.

COLORED SISTERS OF METROPOLIS APPEAL

Dear Friend:

In the name of Our Lady of Good Counsel we make this appeal.

There is a crying need in the section of the city where we are located for help, especially among young colored girls who are anxious for all the opportunities offered their white sisters, but which, as you know, are denied them in many cases.

We must help them by organizing clubs where they may be taught sewing and other useful occupations; and, what is more important, we must have monthly retreats for their spiritual direction, thus encouraging them to become useful and God-fearing citizens.

Having a special devotion to our Dearest Mother under

the title of Our Lady of Good Counsel, we thought it a good chance to spread devotion to Our Mother and we are most willing to help you if you in your kindness will help us.

Thanking you in the name of Our Lady of Good Counsel for any aid you may be pleased to give us, we remain,

Faithfully yours,

Sisters of the Most Pure Heart of Mary.

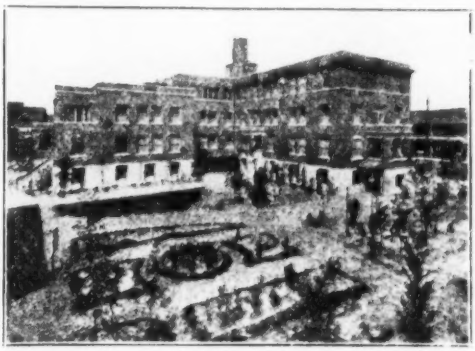
8 East 131st Street, N. Y. City.

BISHOP CASTANIER AND OUR LADY OF THE ATONEMENT'S HOSPITAL IN OSAKA, JAPAN

Under date of July 15th His Lordship the Missionary Bishop of Osaka, Japan, addressed to the Editor of THE LAMP the following communication:

"Your last letter of June 11 has reached me safely, and I hasten to bring your Reverence my heartfelt thanks for the encouraging words it contained.

"The interest you are showing towards the founding of the Catholic Hospital of Osaka, is to me a great comfort, and more and more goes to convince me that this work is really willed by Divine Providence. The more I reflect on your idea of naming the future Osaka Hospital after Our Lady of the AT-ONEMENT, *the more I am convinced that* "SHE" *has inspired it!* 'OUR LADY OF UNITY', *who will unify the Japanese people, in bringing them in one faith to the One and True God. What a wonderfully fitting word for an Institution in this 'separated' land, the only aim of which is to promote God's glory and save souls!"*



This is a picture of St. Barnabas Hospital in Osaka erected by American Episcopalians. Is it not time for American Catholics to do as much for Bishop Castanier in the same populous city? Our Lamp Army answers "Yes."

Ten days later (July 25) Bishop Castanier wrote again:

"I am just in receipt of a letter from Brother Fidelis containing a check of ten thousand six hundred and four yen (Y. 10,604,45), or ($5,000) *being the first installment of the loan of* $20,000.00 *you have promised us. The loan, needless to say, is for the foundation of a Catholic Hospital, in the populous City of Osaka, my residential place. Although I am going to repeat myself, allow me, Very Reverend Father, to tender you the sincerest expression of my deep gratitude for the efficient support you are lending me in this Work, by which, there is every reason to hope, the coming of God's Kingdom will be fostered in many a soul as yet pagan. Meanwhile, I pray to Our Lady of the Atonement that she might at an early date, enable you to supply the additional* $15,000 *required to complete the total of the Loan towards 'Her' Hospital."*

We beg to inform our readers that we have recently forwarded to Bishop Castanier the SECOND INSTALLMENT of $5,000.00 which in addition to the former one makes one-half of the Total Loan promised by the *Rock-of-Peter Foundation.* The good Readers of THE LAMP are so generously supporting the *Rock-of-Peter Foundation,* chiefly by investing in Annuity Bonds that we anticipate we shall soon be able to send the remaining $10,000.00 to the Bishop of Osaka.

We repeat our appeal to LAMP Readers to make gifts towards the new Hospital sufficient to cover AT LEAST the interest on the loan and we hope for something over and above that will gradually reduce the principal.

By way of provoking you to emulation: we are giving this month a picture of St. Barnabas' Hospital a handsome building, as you will see, erected by Episcopalians for the Anglican Bishop of that great City. There are more than ten times as many American Catholics as there are American Episcopalians and therefore we should not let them outdo us in supplying the Japanese with a hospital. We know by experience the generosity of our LAMP readers and we have great confidence on that account that your contributions from month to month to Our Lady's Hospital in Osaka, the first one in the world to be erected under that title, will command your generous support.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR LADY OF THE ATONEMENT'S FUTURE HOSPITAL IN OSAKA, JAPAN

Previously Reported: $96.30. Mrs. A. Shea, New Bedford, Mass. $2; Mrs. J. G. Tustin, Oregon, $1; Catherine F. Gibbons, Penn., $10; M. A. Timmins, Texas, $1; J. F. McDermott, Mass., $1; Carmella Mazza, Penn., $1. Total to November 1st, $114.30.

FOOTBALL AND SOCCER CEASE

The football season practically came to a close on Saturday, Nov. 26, when the Army beat the Navy 14 to 0 in the presence of 75,000 spectators at the Polo Grounds, New York, and Notre Dame scored over Southern California 7 to 6, in Chicago, before a throng estimated at 114,000.

On the same day, if not in the same place, was played a tournament and interesting game of Soccer between the Novices and the Students of St. John's Academy College. The score was a tie, each side making but one goal. Among the goal Was the a fine Albert Cable.

A MISSIONARY'S THANKSGIVING

Father John T. Vennadt, Parish Priest, Kurichy, Pallam P. O., Travancore, South India. This young priest who has been ordained only about two years, has converted more than two hundred pagans and a few Jacobites and Protestants. He writes to tell his Lamp benefactors that, "A great part of the honor is due to you, for had I not been helped by you when studying for the priesthood, I would not have been able to do my humble bit for the glory and honor of God. So I find no words to express my feelings of love and gratitude. My great desire now is to start an industrial school for my poor people and to help print in the vernacular some Catholic leaflets and hymns."

NEEDS OF OUR VANCOUVER JAPANESE MISSION

Our Sisters at the Japanese Mission in Vancouver, are asking for a small statue of Saint Clare, cost $25.00.

They also need, beside the statue, a little help in furnishing their house into which they are just moving. $25.00 will pay for the electric light fixtures and $50.00 will buy priedieux, or kneeling benches, for their little new chapel. Any other donations will be gladly received.

Address: Sister Monica, S.A., Catholic Japanese Mission, Cordova Street East, Vancouver, B. C. Canada.

IN GRATEFUL CONFIDENCE

My Very Dear Father:

I received gratefully the alms your Reverence collected from the kind Readers of The Lamp, for the reparation of St. Michael's Church and had sent receipt of the same, and for which the poor congregation and myself are very thankful and grateful to your Reverence and to all the kind Readers of The Lamp who kindly contributed.

We have begun the reparation, but it is not yet completed, and the alms your Reverence sent is already spent. Dear Father, I do not know what to do for the future for the completion of the building. I no find another way, God bless you. My confidence is in you for the reparation and completion of the church. Remember me and my little work in your holy prayers and help me kindly once more on my way.

Thanking your Reverence again and kissing your fatherly hands, I step.

Your very humble and obedient servant,
Father Thomas Purakary,
St. Michael's Church,

Palayam, Uttumanur P. O., S. India.

GOD KNOWS ME

A woman, poorly dressed, presented herself in the sacristy of the Basilica of Montmartre, and asked to see the superior of the chaplains. From her appearance, he thought her to be in need. She offered him a coarse envelope, in which Father Lemius found five bills of a thousand francs each.

"It is for your work," said the woman. "They are my savings during twenty years."

He asked her name and address.

"All that is useless," she replied. "God knows me well, and that is enough." So saying she took her leave.

CONDENSED APPEALS OF MISSIONARIES

Reverend S. G. Praksar, Catholic Mission, Jaffa, Ceylon, begs earnestly for some Mass intentions, not only to support himself and his assistant, but to help pay the salary of the Catechist. The poor hut in which he says Mass is desperately in need of repair, or better still, a new one.

We have from **Reverend Fr. Augustine, T.O.C.D., St. Joseph's Monastery, Cunnemanoo, Verapoly P. O., India,** a very pitiful appeal for Mass stipends. Who will send him some?

Sister Angela of the Holy Trinity, St. Joseph's Convent, Vynthala, Adoor, Cochin State, South India, again appeals for help. She has received practically not anything at all from the former appeal. Their little chapel is half finished and in danger of being ruined if $200.00 or $300.00 is not received in time to finish it. The chapel is to be in honor of the Little Flower.

Reverend Father Seraphine, Little Flower Shrine, Paveratty P. O., South India. This good Father's poor little church, dedicated to the Little Flower, was utterly destroyed last Summer. He says his only hope is from help from Lamp Readers, and adds: "I feel terribly distressed and anxious, for my poor destroyed church was the fruit of hard labor for years."

Right Reverend Bishop Joseph Sweens, Victoria-Nyanza, Bukoba P. O., British East Africa, tells us of his very great distress. He needs Mass intentions and help to support seminaries. Who will take one to put through the seminary and who will help to put up a little church or school? Prospective benefactors can communicate directly with his Lordship, or send offerings to the Union-That-Nothing-Be-Lost, Graymoor, P. O. Garrison, New York.

Reverend George Thekkara, Bishop's House, Trichur, South India, writes: "My cousin, George, is in the little seminary Trichur, studying for the priesthood. His parents find it very difficult to support him, owing to repeated failures of the crops due to the floods. I have been trying to help them with my very limited means; the tuition is $125.00 a year. The boy is very anxious to continue his studies and I am helpless to do much more. In this extreme need I appeal to you. I place this appeal under the patronage of the Sacred Heart, Whose priest the lad desires to be."

Reverend J. C. Houpert, S.J., St. Paul's Seminary, Trichinopoly, India, asks Mass intentions for himself and the other five Fathers, professors in the seminary. They are doing great work for the future of India. They are very poor.

Sister M. Annunciata, O.S.F., Franciscan Convent, P. O. Box 246, Msbaya, Kampala, Uganda, British East Africa. These devoted Sisters are working hard for the up-lift of the native women of East Africa. Their special work is to educate Catholic girls to make future wives for the educated Catholic boys, otherwise "they will go to the Protestants for their wives, which would be a great misfortune. Any help you can afford us, will be capital well invested."

Rev. A. Ryk, Parish Priest, Maasin, Iloilo, Philippine Islands, reminds us for the second time that he soon expects to have even more children in school than last year, the number will be far over the 500. He needs, "$200 to keep up such a necessary work and to pay teachers. I will give all I have for the little ones of Jesus Christ. Please try, dear Father, to get some good and generous soul to help me in my need."

Urgent Request Re. Christmas Cards

Ten Thousand Thanks to the Twice Ten Thousand of our Readers who have ACCEPTED the boxes of Christmas Cards sent to you on behalf of The Vineyard. We are under contract to the Firm who printed the Cards to pay the Big Bill they have rendered (Thirty-Two Thousand Dollars) the first week in January. This we cannot do IN FULL from the receipts thus far received and therefore we urgently request all who have not returned the Cards or yet paid for them to accommodate us by mailing their offering in exchange for the box received NOT LATER THAN DECEMBER 31st. IT WILL BE IMMENSELY APPRECIATED IF YOU WILL DO THIS. It will add much to our happiness if all costs and expenses connected with the making and the mailing of the Cards are covered by New Year's Day. Then all returns after that can be reckoned as actual net profit, enabling us to maintain our Friars at The Vineyard and provide a balance, we hope, towards the large payment on the debt which has to be made next May.

AN APOLOGY

We tender a sincere apology to every one who received more than one box of cards. We can assure all such that we did our best to avoid duplications but our mailing lists are very complicated. The duplications are mainly due to the thousands who subscribe to *The Antidote* and *The Candle* as well as THE LAMP.

MINISTER GENERAL'S VISIT TO THE VINEYARD

The Minister General of the Society of the Atonement spent several days at the Atonement Seminary of the Holy Ghost in the month of October, arriving there on the afternoon of Thursday the 20th, and remaining over until Monday, the 24th. It was altogether a very happy visit.

Two years previous the Seminary had been opened with six Friars and now the family numbers nineteen and in the Convent adjoining the Seminary there are five Sisters. There is also on The Vineyard grounds an old cottage, more than 75 years ago the home of the owner of The Vineyard where such distinguished men as Henry Clay and Daniel Webster were frequent visitors. Here lodge three of our Brothers Christopher from Graymoor who care for the grounds and render other valuable services to both the Friars and the Sisters, three pious and godly men whose names we trust are already written in the Lamb's Book of Life.

The Architect, Mr. Stanton, was summoned from New York for a conference during the stay of the Minister General at The Vineyard because an enlargement of the old Robinson Mansion, a picture of which appears on this page, will be necessary in the Spring in order to accommodate the further increase of Seminarians next September.

"Superior To Any Purchased in Any Store"

Mrs. C. L. deO., Alameda, Cal.: "I certainly appreciate everything you have sent me. The Christmas Cards are very beautiful and artistic and superior to any purchased in any store."

A splendid opportunity to help! See our LAMP SILVER JUBILEE PRIZE CONTEST on page 363.

Christmas Novena to the Little Flower

The Christmas Novena to the Little Flower begins on Thursday, December 22nd, three days before the Feast of Our Lord's Nativity and ends on the 30th. As this particular Novena embraces the Feast of the Child Jesus to whom the Little Flower was peculiarly devoted it ought to prove a very efficacious one to those who participate. Send your petition and offering promptly so that they will reach Graymoor in time for the beginning of the Novena.

LITTLE FLOWER HEALS A CONVERT OF CANCER

Mrs. M. F. S., Greenwich, Conn.: *"Dear Father: I want to tell you an experience Mrs. McA., who is a convert had this Summer. She had a little sore on her breast and it kept getting worse so she went to a doctor and he used violet rays and cut it away every day for a month when he finally told her it was cancer and he could do no more. One of her friends asked her why she didn't try the Little Flower, so she made a Novena and went to Confession and after Mass and Communion stayed in the Church to pray, went to the statue of the Little Flower and after a while noticed a strong odor of roses, went to the window and saw no flowers, then thought it was a funeral coming but there was none; then she got a stronger odor and thought she heard some one near her but could see no one. She just felt that the Little Flower was there and told Father F. and he told her it was and* IN TWO WEEKS SHE WAS WELL.

Then another time her husband was very ill at a hospital and was given up by the doctor and anointed and she just stayed in the Church praying for hours when she heard some one speak to her saying, 'don't worry, he will get well', he is all right now.' She went to the hospital and told him that he was going to live though the doctors said he couldn't live the night through. In the morning he was better and got well. She has the most wonderful faith and please send her all you have of interest. She is a fine woman always doing good. Thank you."

MEMORIAL WINDOWS

It was stated in the November LAMP that the Little Flower Memorial Hall would contain sixteen large windows. These we desire to fill with leaded glass and in the center of each window there will be a medallion representing the Little Flower at different periods of her life or something associated with her. These windows will make beautiful memorials and we call for 16 volunteers to take them at $200.00 each. The furnishing of the "cells" (or rooms) in the Memorial building to be occupied by the Friars and Students, we estimate at one hundred dollars: we ask for volunteers to assume this cost also. A tablet will be placed on the wall giving the name of the benefactor with a request that the occupant of the cell pray for the donor. Both the memorial windows and the furnishing of the cells can be paid for *by degrees*, if it is not convenient for the benefactor to pay the whole amount at once.

LITTLE FLOWER'S IMAGE "IMPRINTED" ON ROSE

So Declare Sisters of St. Thomas School and Others

Hundreds See Picture

Proof Furnished The Review of Phenomenon Justifies Publication of Event

"The Review" is reluctant to publish stories dealing with visions, apparitions, unusual manifestations, etc. Many such stories are sent to this paper. The Review has almost invariably refused to publish them. It knows that too many of the alleged manifestations are the results of vivid imaginations. The Review investigates all reports of marvelous manifestations. It has investigated the following story from Wilmington and believes itself justified in giving it to the readers of The Review as a news item.

Wilmington, Del.—While one of the sisters of Saint Thomas' Parochial School, this city, was teaching her class Tuesday of last week she detected a strong odor of roses.

"Image on Rose Petal"

There were no roses in the room and the sister thought that one of the children had used rose perfume. After she had dismissed her class, the sister saw a rose petal on the floor. She picked it up and was startled to see the image of one closely resembling the traditional picture of the Little Flower of Jesus on one of the petals.

This picture, it is said, showed the saint holding roses in her hands. A microscope was used and the figure was seen in more detail.

On the petal could be seen also a head and a cross. To the right of the large figure could be seen cherubim heads.

The rose petal has been put in a silver locket and has been viewed by hundreds of Wilmingtonians. Part of the petal has turned brown, but the part containing the figure preserves its freshness.

Novena Was In Progress

At the time the rose petal was found a Novena in honor of St. Theresa, the Little Flower, was in progress at St. Thomas Church.—Baltimore Catholic Review.

CONSTRUCTION OF THE LITTLE FLOWER MEMORIAL MOVES FORWARD AT AN ACCELERATED PACE

Payments to the contractors last month amounted to over Twenty Thousand Dollars and December's bills may exceed that amount. In the meantime the Little Army of CAMPAIGN WORKERS are making gallant efforts to keep a steady stream of offerings pouring into the Treasury. We could hardly expect them to pay into the Treasury as much as is going out at the present time but if the Clients of the Little Flower maintain as good a record for the next ten months as they have done since last July we will be able to cut down very considerably the debt that is now piling up so fast. The next sixty days are going to prove the greatest financial strain the Friars have undergone since the Building was started and we therefore earnestly appeal for an INCREASE OF OFFERINGS during that time. The wide-spread popularity of St. Theresa of the Child Jesus is eloquently illustrated by the fact that over One Hundred Thousand people have thus far contributed to the Little Flower Memorial on the Mount of the Atonement. By far the larger portion of these have contributed less than a dollar but that does not lessen the astounding truth concerning the popularity of the appeal.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE LITTLE FLOWER MEMORIAL

Completed Units

$1,000.00	12	12,000.00
250.00		3,000.00
200.00	1	1,000.00
100.00	4	4,000.00
50.00	1	1,000.00
25.00	1	1,000.00
10.00	1	4,000.00
5.00	1	21,000.00
4.00		3,000.00
3.00	1	1,000.00
2.00		3,000.00
1.00	17	17,000.00

Uncompleted Units

1,000.00		$450.00
500.00		500.00
100.00		700.00
25.00		600.00
60.00	1	1,000.00
10.00		300.00
5.00		570.00
4.00		808.00
3.00		876.00
2.00		886.00
1.00		512.00
Grand Total November 15th		$78,202.00

Recapitulation

Total reported to October 12th	$71,481.00
Contributed since last report	6,721.00
Grand Total	$78,202.00

The Holy Father's Letter

To the Members of the Catholic Near East Welfare Association.

Perhaps Fifty Thousand Readers of THE LAMP will have received recently a facsimile Reprint of the beautiful letter addressed by the Holy Father through the President of the Association to the 750,000 members of the Catholic Near East Welfare Association who last January contributed a Dollar or more to the funds of the Association. That magnificent response to the call of the Holy Father in 1927 produced an aggregate result of over one million dollars.

We know that the President, Father Walsh, S.J. is working very hard just now in preparation for the annual collection of the C. N.E.W.A. which will again be taken up next month. Out of loyalty to the Holy Father and in order to maintain the record this most important Pontifical Society established during 1927 we trust that every Catholic who was enrolled in the membership of the Catholic Near East Welfare Association in the past year will be equally as generous, if not more so, in 1928 as in 1927.

ST. JOSAPHAT, PATRON OF THE UNION OF THE SEPARATED EAST WITH THE HOLY SEE

To the Editor of THE LAMP: *Being a reader of your interesting magazine entitled The Lamp I would appreciate very much for you to publish or give us a few pages every month in your magazine concerning the life of St. Josaphat of Polotsk, the Martyr and Patron of the Union. A few also of my friends would like to read his saintly life.*

EDITOR'S NOTE: In response to this request we are glad to give below a translation of the Second Nocturn of the Roman Breviary for the Feast of St. Josephat, November 14th.

THE LIFE OF ST. JOSAPHAT AS RELATED IN THE ROMAN BREVIARY

Josaphat Kunzevyc was born of noble and Catholic parents at Volodymyr in Lithuania. When still a young boy he heard his mother speaking concerning the Passion of Christ and at that moment he received a wound in the heart from a dart issuing from the side of an image of Jesus Crucified. Thus [supernaturally] inflamed with the love of God he began so to apply himself to prayer and other pious works that his older companions were filled with admiration by his example. At the age of 20 he made profession of the monastic rule among the cloistered sons of St. Basil in whose midst he made astonishing progress in evangelical perfection. He went barefoot during the coldest winter weather of that austere region; he never ate meat or drank wine except under obedience and by way of bodily mortification wore the roughest of hair shirts. The flower of chastity, which from his youth he vowed to the Virgin Mother of God, he ever kept inviolate. His fame for virtue and learning spread abroad so rapidly that even while he was a junior

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member of the Community they made him superior of a Monastery at Bytenius. Not long after he became Archimandrite (or Abbot) at Vilna and finally Archbishop of Polotsk against his own will but by the eager and joyful acclamations of the Catholic people. Thus highly exalted nevertheless he omitted nothing of his former mode of life except that he took more deeply to heart the worship of God and the salvation of the flock entrusted to him. As a strenuous propagator of Catholic Unity and Truth he labored with all his might to lead back the schismatics and heretics to communion with the See of blessed Peter. He never ceased to defend the Sovereign Pontiff and the plentitude of his power against the most impious calumnies of the wicked whether by sermons or writings that were full of piety and learning. He vindicated his claim to episcopal jurisdiction and the temporal goods of the Church wrongly seized by the laity. The number of heretics that he recalled into the bosom of Mother Church was almost beyond belief and that Josephat stood forth as the foremost promoter of the union of the Greek Church with the Latin Church is eloquently testified to by the declarations of the Sovereign Pontiffs. For this cause and in the erection of churches and convents for holy Virgins and in aid of other pious works he spent far beyond his income. So effusive was his generosity to the poor that when

once he had nothing to aid a certain poor widow he commanded his episcopal pallium to be pawned. So great progress of the Catholic Faith aroused profligate men to such a degree of hatred that they set on foot a conspiracy, seeking to compass the death of the Athlete of Christ, which he proclaimed as imminent to himself in a sermon to the people. When, therefore, he came to Votebsk in the course of a pastoral visitation, the conspirators invaded the episcopal mansion striking and killing whomsoever they met. Then the most meek man ran of his own free will to those in quest of him and addressing them in a friendly manner said: *"My sons; wherefore do you kill my friends; if indeed you have anything against me behold here I am"?* Thereupon making a rush at him they struck him with blows, stabbed him with daggers and at length having done him to death with a huge axe they cast his body into the river on the 12th of November in the year 1623 and in the 43rd year of his age. His body was raised up from the deep bed of the stream (floating upon the surface) surrounded by a marvelous light. The blood of the Martyr prevailed first of all on behalf of his murderers, who nearly all being condemned to capital punishment abjured the schism and were filled with compunction for their crime. The illustrious Prelate shone with so many miracles after his death that the Sovereign Pontiff Urban VIII, beatified him. Pius IX on June 29th 1867 while the solemnities of St. Peter and St. Paul, the Chief Apostles, were being celebrated in the presence of the Senate of the Cardinals and nearly 500 Patriarchs, Metropolitans and Bishops who had come together from every part of the world enrolled him in the Order of the Saints by solemn Rite in the Vatican Basilica affirming him to be the foremost Assertor of Ecclesiastical Unity among the Orientals; His Office and Mass Pope Leo XIII extended to the Universal Church.

The prayer of the Saint's Mass is a beautiful and inspiring one whose frequent use we recommend to all members of the *Catholic Near East Welfare Association*:

Stir up, O Lord, we beseech Thee, in Thy Church the Spirit, filled with Whom, Blessed Josephat, Thy Martyr and Bishop, laid down his life for the sheep, that through his intercession we also, moved and strengthened by the same Spirit may not be afraid to lay down our lives for the brethren through Our Lord Jesus Christ Who with Thee in the Unity of the same Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth One God world without end, Amen.

I earnestly beseech you, in the name of Jesus Christ, whenever you find anything bearing Christ's holy Words to have the greatest possible respect for it. *St. Ignatius*

NOTICE

Part II. of Reunion Work of the Fathers of the Assumption in Roumania has not been overlooked, and will appear in an early issue of THE LAMP. Those whose interest has been awakened in the subject will find Part II full of interesting detail. Part I, as these will recall, appeared in our October issue.

CATHOLIC LADY WHO MADE FIRST FROCKS VISITED BY PRINCE

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)

London, Nov. 5.—"I made your christening robes and your first little frocks," Sarah Arter, a Catholic lady, told the Prince of Wales when he visited Bournemouth this week.

"I don't remember that," the Prince replied, laughing.

Before he left Boscombe hospital where Miss Arter lies bedridden, the Prince gave her a bouquet of roses and violets.

Every week the local priest visits Miss Arter and takes Holy Communion to her. It is many years since she walked.

TO THOSE INTERESTED IN THE STUDY CLUBS

The following Study Club Outlines may be obtained from the N. C. W. C. Headquarters, 1312 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W. Washington, D. C.

"The Church and Rural Problems, Elements of American Democracy, Girls' Welfare, Health Education, Social Service, The Christian Family, Religion, The Catholic Ideal of Life, Catholic Education, The Boy Problem, The Mass, Women in Industry, Immigration, Eugenics, Education Legislation, Marriage, Religious Persecution in Mexico, Current Catholic Writers, and "How to Conduct a Study Club" (booklet).

The Rt. Rev. Phillip R. McDevitt, Bishop of Harrisburg and Episcopal Chairman of the Department of Press, Publicity and Literature of the National Catholic Welfare Conference, dealt with the permanent relations of the N. C. W. C. and the Catholic Press Association in his report to the general meeting of the Bishops.

Rock-of-Peter Annuities pay well both in time and eternity.

MY MOTHER DIED

Last year, shortly before Christmas, I received the following letter from a young lady in the East. She wrote:

Rev. and Dear Father:

Enclosed please find five dollars for a High Mass for my dear Mother. MY MOTHER DIED last month and I wish to send this as a Christmas present for my dear Mother, etc., etc.

What a beautiful thought of this young lady to send a Christmas present beyond to her dear Mother!

We spend a lot of money at Christmas to remember all our dear ones here. What about those that have departed? Are they now not worthy of a Christmas present?

Again we could do a double good work—help the Missionaries in pagan countries and help our dear ones.

Can you spare one dollar for a low Mass as a Christmas present for your dear ones?

Address Mass stipends to:

Rev. Father M. Thomas

P. O. Box 341 **Detroit, Mich.**

What is the Holy Childhood Association?

The Holy Childhood Association (of which the U. N. B. L. has a Branch) is a world-wide Society of Catholic children, whose object is the ransom, education and support of pagan children everywhere.

Dues for each member are twelve cents a year.

Infants and children of all ages are eligible, both living and dead.

Benefits of membership are many Masses, prayers and indulgences.

Send offerings and applications for membership to the Union-That-Nothing-Be-Lost, Graymoor, Garrison, N. Y., or to Mrs. Helen Fletcher, Mena, Ark.

AUNT HELEN'S LETTER

Dear Members and Friends of the Holy Childhood:

When you read this letter—the last one of the year—the Christmas rush will be in full swing. A lot of window shopping must be done before you can decide on the presents you wish to buy. And then too, we are prone to forget till the last minute, friends we would not neglect for anything. Did you ever hear about the little girl who had saved every penny during the whole year so she could buy Dad and Mother a beautiful Christmas gift? Well, the afternoon school closed for the holidays, Sister read a story (a true one) about the hungry little pagans who knew nothing at all about the Blessed Infant's Birthday and the giving and receiving of gifts. The little girl was so deeply impressed that she said to her parents that same evening: "Would you care if I send my savings to the hungry babies instead of buying presents with the money?" You may be sure her parents were delighted at their little one's unselfishness, and—this is true, too—this family never spent a happier Christmas. After all it isn't the gifts we give or get that makes a truly happy Christmas. Only those who are imbued with the true "Christmas Spirit," which is unselfishness and good will—enjoy the full meaning of this wonderful feast.

If the useless gifts that are cast aside as soon as received could be gathered together what a mountain would be the result. Hundreds of thousands of dollars are wasted every year in this way, dollars that would mean life and salvation to the starving unfortunates in China, India, Africa and in every quarter of the globe. The Christmas Spirit indeed inspires the gifts to those we love, the little token to cheer a lonely heart, the basket of food and clothing for the needy, the offering which often calls for a personal sacrifice, which we offer the Blessed Infant to aid in saving souls.

Will this generous Christmas Spirit remind us during these days of giving that our goal for 1927 (one thousand ransomed pagan babies) has not yet been attained? And the time left is very short. But we must keep on hoping, and praying, especially on Christmas Day, every minute of which, Aunt Helen hopes, will be crowded with the best and truest happiness for every Member and Friend of the Holy Childhood.

AUNT HELEN.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO PURCHASE AND SUPPORT CHINESE BABIES, OCTOBER, 1927.

Previously Reported: $3,010.40. Mrs. F. Ludemance, N. Y. C., $5, to buy Helen Veronica; Walter A. Shattenkisp, L. I., N. Y., $5, to buy Mary; Catherine Foley, Conn., $5, to buy Jude; Verena Leis, Ohio, $5, to buy Margaret Mary; Elizabeth Hennan, Pa., $5, to buy Mary Theresa; Mrs. W. J. Dinan, L. I., N. Y., $5, to buy Philip; Mrs. Samuel Cook, Pa., $5, to buy Samuel; Mrs. Samuel Cook, Pa., $5, to buy Paul; W. B. Conger, La., $5, to buy Alice Francis; Katherine Jean Jaeger, N. J., $6.25, to buy Harriet Clare; T. E. Colman, Mass., $5, to buy Marie Antoinette; Margaret Murray, Can., $5, to buy Lewis Joseph; C. J. Maurer, Ill., $2, for support of Mary Gertrude; C. A. C., Mo., $5, to buy Carmelita; Mrs. R. E. Klinkhardt, Mo., $5, to buy Mary Frances Teresa; Ella Palmer, N. Y., $5, to buy Theresa; Catherine R. Kelly, $5, to buy Edward Aloysius, $5, to buy Walter Joseph; Marion Higgins, N. Y. C., $5, to buy Theresa Mary; Mamie Gauet, N. D., $5, to buy John Jude; R. M. Rennekamp, Ill., $10, to buy Mary Theresa and Rose Cunigunda; Catherine Rose Grace, Syracuse, N. Y., $25, to buy Theresa, George, Agatha, Anthony and Lawrence; P. McAvoy, Canada, $5, to buy Joseph; Mrs. Mary O' Mealia, N. J., $5, for support of Chinese babies; N. S. Buck-

ley, Conn., $5, to buy Norbert Stephen; Mrs. Philip Holt, La., $10, to buy two babies; M. La Sala, N. Y. C., $5, to buy Mary Theresa, $5, to buy Salvatore Anthony; A Friend, Chicago, Ill., $1, towards purchase of Anthony James; Rose King, So. Dak., $5, to buy Mary Theresa; Margaret P. Reilly, N. Y. C., to buy Anna Mary, $5; Ruth O'Hare, N. J., $1, for support of a baby; Anna Saraseldt, Ohio, $5, to buy Elizabeth Ann; Mary J. Conroy, Mass., $5, to buy Theresa Joseph; Marian Higgins, N. Y. C., $5, to buy Theresa Mary; Nellie McMahon, Iowa, $5, to buy Jude Thaddeus; Ritter Hardwood Lumber Lumber Co., W. Va., $5, to buy Luke; Mrs. Samuel Cook, Pa., $5, to buy Samuel; Mr. and Mrs. Anton Schad, Okla., $5, to buy Joseph Peter; Gladys C. Winter, N. Y., $10, to buy Mary and Joseph; Sr. Anthony Francis, N. Y. C., $5, to buy Maria Regina; Lawrence Gianlinovich, Wash., $5, to buy Lawrence; Jean C. Porter, Penn., $5, to buy a baby; Miss Margaret L. Vaughn, Conn., $5, to buy Mary Rita; Caroline Tutachler, N. J., $10, to buy Mary and John; E. McPartland, Mass., $5, to buy Emma Teresa or Joseph Anthony; Dolores, Jack King, Rita, Jack Wallace, N. J., $5, to buy Mary Teresa; Rose Murphy, N. J., $5, to buy Walter. Total, $3,280.65.

EDITOR'S COMMENT: *The goal we tried to reach for 1927, namely $5,000.00 for the purchase of a thousand Chinese Babies will hardly be realized unless some very large contributions to that end come in during the last two weeks of December. But then, you know, this is* CHRISTMAS TIME *and the Infant Jesus may move some of His devoted subjects to make up what is lacking. It is to be remembered that the foregoing report is for the month of October. November and the first half of December will probably bring the Total for the year up to as much as $3,750.65, leaving $1,250.00 to be contributed during the two weeks that will remain of 1927 after this issue of* THE LAMP *reaches our Readers.*

LETTERS FROM FRIENDS AND SUPPORTERS OF THE CHINESE BABIES

Rev. J. G. M., Ohio: *"Enclosed find five dollars for the ransom of a Chinese baby to be named Therese in honor of the Little Flower. This is in thanksgiving for a favor received through her intercession."*

Miss M. McM., Iowa: *"I am making a Novena to St. Jude and I promised that if my request was granted I would send money to ransom a Chinese baby. So although I have not yet finished my Novena, I feel perfect confidence in St. Jude and if it is God's will my request will be granted. Please have the little child christened Jude Thaddeus."*

M. O. R., New York: *"I am enclosing money order for five dollars to buy a Chinese baby to be named Anna Mary in thanksgiving to Our Blessed Mother and St. Anne that my eyesight was restored. Please publish in The Lamp as I promised to do so."*

Mrs. E. C. C. and Children, Texas: *"The enclosed money order for one dollar is the dues for 1927 in the Holy Childhood for our seven children. You have received the seventh has arrived since then and wants to help. His name is Joseph Walter. We think the Holy Childhood is a most beautiful organization, with the highest aims possible and we will always send our little offering, although late at times, as this year. We have promised the Little Flower to ransom a Chinese baby for the Little Jesus Christmas present, if she will obtain for us a very great favor. Join us in this petition."*

Mrs. G. L. K., Michigan: *"Enclosed please find check for $6.72 for dues for thirty-one children who wish to become members of the Holy Childhood Association. I am representing the Missionary Department of the Beaconsfield Study Club of St. John's Catholic Church, Benton Harbor, Mich. We wish you every success in your work."*

Miss M. L. V., Connecticut: *"Enclosed is a check for five dollars to purchase a Chinese baby girl to be named Mary Rita in honor of Our Blessed Mother and St. Rita. To them I turned when my sister's health was so very bad, promising the enclosed donation if she retained her health. God granted my request and I am redeeming my promise, my heart filled with gratitude for His goodness. Please publish."*

From "Your Cousins," no address given: *"Enclosed please find check for five dollars to buy a Chinese baby to be named Mary Teresa. We are four cousins and our ages are: Dolores, nine years; Jack, seven years; Jack, number 2, six years and Rita, eleven years. We have started to save for another baby."*

The above offering could not be acknowledged as no address was given. However, we wish to thank Dolores and Jack King and Rita and Jack Wallace in the name of little "Mary Teresa," for their generous gift, feeling sure the Infant Jesus will bless them for their charity.

M. H., New York: *"I promised to ransom three Chinese babies if my prayers were answered, so I am sending five dollars to pay for the third one, as I have already sent the money for the other two during the past month. Please name the baby Theresa Mary and pray for my intentions."*

Mrs. M. M., Massachusetts: *"I received the medal you sent me and thank you very much. I want to become a member of the Holy Childhood and enclose one dollar for membership fee. As I am 75 years old I may not be alive when my dues come due again. I am also enclosing five dollars for the ransom of a Chinese baby to be named Mary in honor of Our Blessed Mother and the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Please let me know if you get this O. K."*

Mrs. O. M. S., Nova Scotia: *"Please find enclosed names of eleven children and money collected from their mite boxes. When Lillian Teller went away she asked me to take charge of this. I am not sure everything is all right as she did not give me the names. Please find enclosed money order for $5.00 to cover amount collected. Send more mite boxes and cards and I will try and get more money next time."*

M. H., N. Y. C.: *"I promised to ransom three Chinese babies. I am enclosing money order to pay for one. Will send the rest of the money within the next month. I promised that if my prayers were answered I would do this. Please name this one Therese Mary."*

Miss A. R., Pa.: *"Enclosed are five dollars for which I wish to purchase a Chinese baby boy and wish his name to be Joseph. How much money does it require to support a Chinese baby? A friend of mine receives the magazine called* THE LAMP *and I read with interest the Holy Childhood page."*

M. N., N. Y. C.: *"I promised to ransom three Chinese babies. I am enclosed money order to pay for one. Will send the rest of the money within the next month. I promised that if my prayers were answered I would do this. Please name this one Therese Mary."*

Some Observances of Yuletide

By Frank H. Sweet

More and more we find ourselves weaving into our celebration of Christmas some of the old and very meaningful customs of ages past. Bringing in the boar's head, rolling in the Yule log and the serenades of the waifs are all delightful features of the great festival which have come down to us from our English ancestors. These early ancestors of ours seem to have paid special attention to feasting on refreshments of the body. They seem to have been possessed of good appetites according to all records. The early Christmas feast certainly did not lack variety for:

They served up salmon, venison and wild boars
By hundreds and by dozens and by scores;
Hogsheads of honey, kilderkins of mustard,
Mutton and fatted beeves and bacon and swine,
Herons and bitterns, peacocks, swan and bustard,
Teal, mallard, pigeons, widgeons, and in fine
Plum puddings, pancakes, apple pies and custard."

The boar's head was the most important of all the Christmas dishes, and bringing the boar's head was one of the most distinguishing events of the entire celebration. It was this dish which occupied the principal place of honor at the dinner. All during the autumn months when the boar's flesh was in the highest state of perfection, hunters with well-trained packs of hounds set out to capture this ferocious animal. Many hounds as well as their masters were killed in the attempt, but the more savage the animal, the more difficult its capture, the louder the praise was sung in its honor on the day of the feast. All of the pomp and ceremony imaginable were in evidence on Christmas Day, when the great head, properly soused, was borne in on an immense silver salver by the old blue-coated serving man. Before him marched the trumpeters, followed by the mummers. The most impressive part of the ceremony was when the head of the family laid his hand upon the salver containing the "boar of atonement" and solemnly swore to be faithful to his family and to fulfill all his obligations as an honorable man. The man who carved the boar must be of unquestioned integrity and untarnished honor.

Since the ceremonial in connection with the boar's head seemed to belong to the masculine members of the family, the next part of the dinner was in special honor of the ladies. A peacock, usually with its head protruding from the crust and its tail likewise in evidence from the opposite side of the crust, came next. The bird was roasted and stuffed with a dressing made of herbs and spices. In a fitting manner the peacock was borne into the vast room by a lady.

As many as sixteen different meats were often served at one Christmas dinner, and yet they lived to tell the tale. It certainly seems that the gastronomic attractions were a most essential feature of the Christmas celebrations.

Mince pie, which is quite as much of a Christmas requirement with us as with our ancestors, has an interesting religious symbolism; it was formed and baked in an oblong shape to represent the manger in which the Christ Child was born. The meat was always mutton to represent the sheep the shepherds watched on the first Christmas night. The spices in the mince pie were the symbols of the frankincense and myrrh of the Wise Men.

Plum pudding is another national dish of England, which we likewise always associate with the Christmas dinner. Its origin was not of a religious nature, for it was first created during the reign of Charles II., when the celebration of the Yuletide was more in the nature of a frolic than a religious festival.

Plum pudding is easily obtained in these modern times from our corner grocer's and yet, like every other dish of any importance, it is always better when prepared at home and served in the good old English way. The following recipe is one which includes all the necessary ingredients to impart the real flavor of the original plum pudding—

Mix the following ingredients in the order in which they are named and place them in a square of muslin which has been well floured: One and three-fourth cupfuls of flour, three-fourths of a cupful of stale bread crumbs, three-fourths of a cup of chopped seeded raisins, three-fourths of a cupful of chopped currants, three-fourths of a cupful of finely chopped suet, one and one-fourth cupful of sugar, one cupful of molasses, six tablespoonfuls of candied orange peel, one teaspoonful of grated nutmeg, one teaspoonful of mace, six eggs well beaten and two teaspoonfuls of salt. Tie the cloth securely and place the pudding in a kettle of boiling water. Let it cook for five hours. In tying the pudding be careful to leave some space, for it will swell; the pudding should be completely covered with boiling water.

A hard sauce made of one cupful of the lightest brown sugar and two tablespoonfuls of butter well-creamed together is often served with the plum pudding. Two tablespoonfuls of vanilla may be substituted for the old-time brandy. It should be added slowly, drop by drop.

As for the wassail bowl, the spiced ale which was an important part of the feast, we can easily use some good fruit punch which will impart just as much good cheer.

St. Francis

By Dr. Frank Crane *in McClure's*

At the national encampment of the Bohemian Club at Bohemian Grove was held a pageant in honor of St. Francis of Assisi, after whom San Francisco was named. Lawrence Tibbett, of Metropolitan Opera fame, sang the leading role, that of St. Francis Assisi. There were 165 characters, all of them played by members of the club.

Saint Francis has always been the one saint of the Church of whom I am particularly fond. He represents the spirit of Christianity.

His business was loving. He truly was a great lover and loved everything, including the inanimate objects of nature.

The stories about him are very beautiful, how the birds came to hear him preach and the little wild animals ran to him for refuge. Some men seem to understand and to attract the animals, and St. Francis was one of them. He spent his whole life in the business of doing good. His one marriage was to espouse her whom he called Lady Poverty, and his conduct with all men was such as we would expect from a true Christian.

Many of the saints were combative in their nature. Perhaps that was necessary in their time, but this saint devoted himself to the one thing that will eventually save mankind, and that is love.

He even composed a hymn to the sun, speaking of him as our brother, Sun, for he claimed kinship to all things that God has made. This is going the evolutionists one better.

Love is a peculiar thing. It is the toughest thing in the world. It will outlast hate. Suppressed in one place, it will come up in another. It performs herculean tasks, tasks that are thought impossible.

It did away with human slavery among civilized people and with dueling. In time it will do away with war.

No man can make a mistake by committing himself to love and taking such a man as Saint Francis Assisi for his patron.

Douglas Malloch says:

"Steel will break or steel will hold, but love is never broken,
Even when the heart is cold, the final word is spoken.
Threads of gold may seem to rend, but love will yet discover
That nothing's final to a friend nor ended to a lover."

St. Francis Adores the Bambino at Grecchio

ST. FRANCIS

Saint Francis while yet in this world,
In poverty its riches furled,
And found the lack of them the cause
Of an astounded world's applause.
—Father Jerome, O.S.B.

Cardinal Mundelein officiated at the dedication of St. Joseph's Franciscan Seminary located on the Peabody Estate near Hinsdale, Ill., on Oct. 4th. Several hundred priests and laymen witnessed the ceremony. The $40,000 chapel, donated by Stuyvesant Peabody and his mother, Mrs. Francis Peabody, in memory of the late Francis Peabody, also was opened. The Franciscans bought the Peabody estate of 850 acres three years ago. It represents the home of the late Francis Peabody, who was president of the Peabody Coal Company. At a cost of $3,000,000 he had developed it into an English estate. The chapel to his memory was erected where he died. It is a reproduction of the Portiuncula at Assisi, Italy.

OUR SISTERS NEED A CIRCULATING LIBRARY

We have received a letter from the Superior of our Sisters' Mission House at Monaca, Pa., telling of the great need of a little circulating library in the parish. This would be of the greatest use among the young people of this little industrial town.

The Sister Superior specially asks for good Catholic fiction for both sexes, Isabelle Clarke's books for the older girls, Fr. Finn's and other juvenile writers' for the boys; these are, of course, just two of the many edifying and interesting writers which the last ten years have discovered, thanks to God.

Books may be sent to the Sisters of the Atonement, St. John Baptist Mission, Monaca, Pa.

GHIST ANTHONY'S PAGE

Graymoor and St. Anthony

The Friars of the Atonement desire to give expression at this Christmas Time to the profound gratitude we feel towards our elder Franciscan Brother, St. Anthony, paying tribute to the Wonder-Worker of Padua for the marvelous way he has provided during the past seventeen years for the daily bread of the Friars of the Atonement and the Brothers Christopher on the Mount of the Atonement.

Year by year our bread problem is increasing in magnitude owing to the growth of our Community, but thanks be to God the offerings for St. Anthony's Bread have increased in corresponding measure. We must not however ignore in this connection the gracious help St. Anthony has received from St. Theresa of the Child Jesus in keeping the wolf from the Monastery door on the summit of our Graymoor Mountain and we feel confident Saint Anthony welcomes the Carmelite Daughter of Our Lady, whose devoted knight he is, in becoming his helpmate in this good and charitable work. But we must not confine the expression of our gratitude to these two great Saints of God but must also thank their *Clients* whose offerings have made it possible for the Friars of the Atonement to maintain their credit with the butcher and the baker and the farmer and the grocer. That was a beautiful saying of Our Lord: "Give and it shall be given unto you;" and we constantly pray for our benefactors at Graymoor that God will recompense them a hundred-fold in material and spiritual benefits and graces for all the alms they send to maintain the Missionary Institute of the Friars of the Atonement on the mountain top and of the Sisters of the Atonement in the valley below. Good cheer and great joy be your portion on Christmas Day!

THANKSGIVINGS FOR FAVORS RECEIVED THROUGH THE INTERCESSION OF SAINT ANTHONY

Mrs. M. E. G., New York: "*A short time ago, Saint Anthony bestowed a great favor upon us, for which I am now sending an offering in thanksgiving. We were leaving our home, which is located in the country, and were well on the way, when a passing motorist overtook us and informed us that the roof was on fire. A quick prayer was made to St. Anthony for help. With the assistance of the neighbors, we were able to put out the fire, and the damage was very slight. Nothing but the goodness of the Lord and the ever-willing Saint saved the house as it is an old one, the wind was very strong, and we are entirely without fire protection.*"

Mrs. M. L. M., Toronto, Ont.: "*Inclosed is my regular monthly offering which I promised St. Anthony if he would give my husband steady work. He has been steadily employed now for more than two years, and what is more, he has had lots of overtime work. We cannot be thankful enough for this blessing.*"

Mrs. T. A. S., Highland Park, Mich.: "*Please accept this inclosed offering to St. Anthony in thanksgiving for two favors received through his intercession. One was the finding of a lost article, but the other was really a wonderful favor. We had taken possession of a little business and were feeling a little doubtful as to its success, but it has been far beyond our expectation in every way, and we know that St. Anthony has been our partner and helper.*"

M. E. M., Bristol, R. I.: "*A few days ago, I wrote asking you to please place a petition in your next Novena to St. Anthony that a valuable stone which had been lost, might be found. Before the Novena ended, the stone was found, and what is more wonderful, it was found in a*

place which had been thoroughly searched only the day before. Is it any wonder that we have such faith in our Saint?"

Client, New York: *"I wish to give a public testimony of gratitude. After long and very discouraging difficulties in my domestic life, I appealed to dear Saint Anthony. My request was granted."*

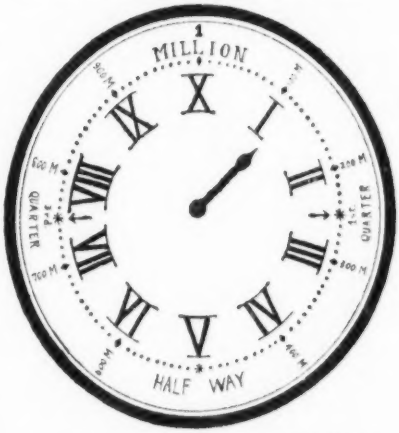
M. A. C., Roslindale, Mass.: *"Inclosed you will find an offering sent in thanksgiving to St. Anthony to buy bread for his poor. Through illness, I was out of work for four whole years. I kept making Novenas to him, and now, I am well again and once more at work. All thanks to St. Anthony."*

B. K., Bronxville, N. Y.: *"Inclosed find my thanksgiving offering to St. Anthony for his help in the success of my business. I have had a very noticeable increase and I am positive that it came in answer to our prayers to the Saint."*

ST. ANTHONY'S CLOCK NUMBER NINE REGISTERS ANOTHER 10,000 DIMES

We are happy to report another point scored by St. Anthony's Clock on behalf of his Greater Shrine on the Mount of the Atonement. As we hope to begin operations very soon blasting out thousands of cubic feet of granite rock for the foundation of St. Anthony's Church we appeal to the Clients of the Wonder-Worker of Padua to keep the hand of the Clock ON THE MOVE: it is going to be no small task to erect this noble fane as a monument to the great Saint and the cost will be correspondingly large.

Amount to be Raised—ONE MILLION DIMES



Total Contributions Nov. 15th., 114,000 Dimes

LESS THAN AN ACRE OF SAINT ANTHONY'S FARM LAND PURCHASED IN OCTOBER

Our readers will see that October was not a very active month in the purchase of land on St. Anthony's Farm. About $2,000.00 still remains to complete the purchase price on the one hundred acres of land added some time ago to St. Anthony's Industrial Farm, the purchase price being $75.00 an acre. The report shows that not quite an acre was paid for by the Clients of St. Anthony during October. This proved a real slump after the active market of September when the purchase price of five acres was covered. We shall hope for another good report next month.

Contributions to St. Anthony's Farm

Previously reported (in payment for One Hundred Acre addition) $5,500.00. A. C. D., $15; Mrs. E. N., $5; M. A. H., $1; C. M. B., $2; M. G., $10. Total for October, $[illegible]. Total, $5,533.00.

THE LATEST NEED AT HEREFORD

Now that the new Catholic School at Hereford, Texas, is completed it is proposed to remodel the old school building so it can be occupied by the Sisters of the Atonement. Their present Convent is on the outskirts of the town and it is a severe strain on the Sisters to go from their Convent to the School and from the School back again every day, whereas if they occupied the building across the street they would be able to exercise more watchfulness over the children at much less sacrifice of time and effort. Besides Father Salvator will not have to make a journey to and fro every morning to say Mass for the Sisters.

The difficulty in the way is the cost of converting the former school building into a Convent for the Sisters. Ten Thousand dollars is still owing on the new building and a veto has been put upon the priest in charge going any deeper into debt. It will require only one thousand dollars to change the old school house into a convent.

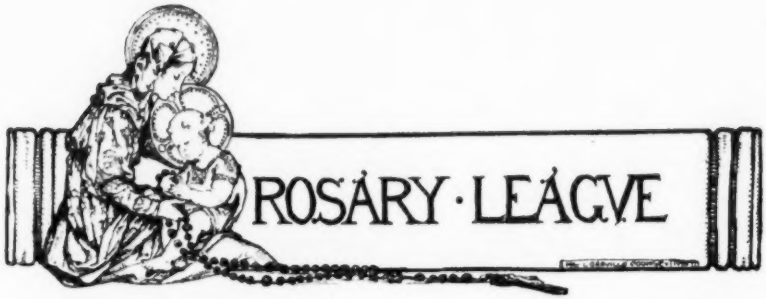
One way our readers can help in providing this necessary sum is to PATRONIZE ST. ANTHONY'S HEREFORD NOVENA. We publish below some of the recent thanksgivings. All petitions should be addressed to Rev. Father Salvator, S. A., Saint Anthony's Church, Hereford, Texas.

Mrs. I. Newman, Calif.: *"Reverend Father Salvator: My baby whose eyes were injured at birth, became worse as he grew older. We doctored it but still no improvement. At the age of six months it was still no better. One day a friend gave me a St. Anthony's medal. I pinned it on him and prayed to St. Anthony to help him. Truly a miracle was wrought because the next morning his eyes were cured and remained so. This has been nearly two months ago and no sign of the trouble has returned. Many, many thanks to St. Anthony and the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Please Father will you send me another medal as the other one was lost."*

M. M., St. Paul, Minn.: *"Enclosed please find four dollars as a thanksgiving to St. Anthony for a favor received. You may publish same."*

Mrs. B. G. W., Ontario, Calif.: *"Enclosed find check for $5.00, an offering for your school, given in thanksgiving for favor received through the intercession of St. Anthony."*

Mrs. J. H.: *"Enclosed find check for a thanksgiving offering I promised for St. Anthony's poor if my Novena was answered. I asked that my blood pressure be reduced, and I gratefully state that I am [illegible] good health again."*



CRUSADE OF PRAYER FOR MEXICO

We ask the members of the Rosary League to enlist with one consent in a United Crusade of Prayer on behalf of the persecuted Church in unhappy Mexico. That country has already become an extension of the Red Reign of Anti-Christ in Russia. The fiendish hatred of Christ and His religion and of those who practice it, the cruel shedding of blood and the hellish despotism now prevailing in Mexico creates a chapter which for horror might well be bound up in the same volume with the history of Bolshevism during the last ten years in Leningrad and Moscow. To sit still and do nothing to aid and befriend our persecuted fellow-Catholics South of the Rio Grande would be a great breach of Christian charity and a sad commentary on Our Blessed Lord's new commandment to His disciples that we love one another. We cannot invade Mexico with carnal weapons to fight for our brethren as we fought for the entente across seas during the World War, but we can employ spiritual weapons and prevail by the mighty power of prayer. Let us therefore appeal to God through Our Lady of the Atonement to crush the enemies of Christ and to set the Mexican Church and the people of that unhappy land free from the thraldom of the ministers of Satan who now rule the country with a rod of iron and swords dripping with the blood of the innocent. Many glorious victories in the past have been achieved by the Faithful through the diligent use of the Rosary. Let us add yet another glorious triumph to the same wonderful instrument. The Feast of Our Lady of Victory is itself a direct result of the Rosaries that were recited by the Faithful of Catholic Europe on the eve of the Battle of Lepanto when the naval power of the Saracens was broken. A few years ago the Red Armies of Russia were rushing in triumph on to the Capital of Poland; nothing could withstand their onward sweep until upon the Feast of Our Lady's Assumption all Poland had recourse to prayer and the recitation of the Rosary. Immediately, thereafter came a complete reversal of the fortunes of war and the Red Armies of Russia were driven back in crushing and disastrous defeat across the border.

We beg therefore the members of our Rosary League to unite in a Crusade of Prayer on behalf of our fellow Catholics in Mexico, reciting every day at least one decade of the Rosary for the complete collapse of Bolshevism in the land of the Aztecs. That a new government be soon established friendly to the Church, and peace, prosperity and true freedom flourish in Mexico just as they do here in our own beloved country.

NEXT NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF THE ATONEMENT BEGINS ON JANUARY 7th

The January "Novena of Last Resort" begins on Saturday, Jan. 7th, the next day after the Feast of the Epiphany. It will be the First Novena of the New Year in honor of Our Lady of the Atonement. Help to make it one of the largest Novenas in the matter of petitions sent in ever celebrated at Graymoor.

We regret there is no room to publish any of the thanksgivings for favors sent in by the grateful sons and daughters of our Atonement Mother, not even those for whom publication was specially requested.

ROSARY LEAGUE INTERCESSIONS

Special Intention for December:

Redemption of Mexico from Bolshevic Captivity

Other Intentions:

Conversion to Christ and Holy Church of the One Thousand Million who are still pagan. Conversion of all Eastern Schismatics, Anglicans and other Protestants to Catholic Unity. Conversion of the Jews. For the China, Japan, Africa and India Missions. Supplications for Priests and Religious in their sphere of service.

Spiritual Favors: 371. Concerning vocation to the Priesthood or the Religious life or guidance therein, 38. Happy Marriage, 59. Grace of temperance, 71. Return to God and the Sacraments, 98. Special Intentions, 1,433. Conversion to Catholicism, 44. Conversion of life, 102. Happy death, 14. Repose of 214 souls.

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A CHRISTMAS OPPORTUNITY

A very interesting gift to receive at this season of the year is a subscription to some periodical. Send The Lamp or The Antidote to your friends. See also Jubilee Prize Contest on page 363.

A Call For More Sisters

By Mother Lurana Mary Francis, S.A.

The word "vocation" is from the Latin *voco*, (I call), meaning God's call to the soul to take its place in the great scheme of creation and redemption, and fulfill the work and the end for which it was created.

A vocation does not mean, therefore, exclusively the call to the religious state. Every baptized Christian should pray to know his or her vocation. Saint Joseph we have been told from childhood, will assist those who believe God is calling them to the married state. This great Saint is, however, also, a master of the interior life, and why not invoke him likewise, for assistance in overcoming obstacles and preparing the way to enter the convent, if it is suspected that this is your call? But the young man or young girl who feels that the Seraphic Father, Saint Francis of Assisi, is calling him or her to be his son or daughter, what is better than earnest invocation of this great Patriarch who presides over his huge family in Heaven? He is still very much alive with that same, only intensified, vitality and energy which characterized him, in his earthly pilgrimage; also, he still watches over with the deepest interest, his family on earth, as well as in Heaven, and he desires to see the former increase and multiply. Indeed, so remarkable have been some of the vocations at Graymoor, that I have frequently said, "Certainly, Saint Francis reached down out of Heaven and grabbed you for his Order." And what a vocation!

Think of the great number of Franciscan Saints now in glory, there are more canonized of the Seraphic Order than any other, and these are all assisting us who wear the Franciscan Habit by their prayers and their fraternal love and sympathy. Is not this worth a great deal? But the Sons and Daughters of Saint Francis have not only the love of their brethren in Heaven, but the great love of the poor and the forlorn and the ignorant and the sorrowful here on earth. The Brown Habit of our Order has always been associated with the interests of the poor and of the common people. We have only to turn over the pages of history, secular as well as religious, to know how many a battle was fought and won for Christian democracy, because along side of the serfs and peasants stood the sons and daughters of St. Francis, and although the poor of today may be ignorant of these things, still they have this instinct, for Franciscans who work among them and for them know, as does the world for that matter, of the love of the masses for their little brothers and sisters of dear Saint Francis.

I have lately returned from a Visitation of our two Houses in Northwestern Canada, and this journey has not only served to strengthen the belief which I have just voiced above, but it has done something else. It has made me realize the tremendous necessity for increased vocations to our Seraphic Order and Atonement Congregation. The Ruthenian problem will be a losing one for the Church, unless something more is done to stem the tide of losses to Catholicism among these people. It is well worth while, saving the rising generation of these splendid people, who, attracted by the great wheat fields of Canada, have come and are coming over in such hordes from Southern Russia, and finding, alas, rarely churches or priests, let alone sisters to lead them. As a consequence the young people are growing up with practically no knowledge of the Faith for which their devout and most religious parents and grandparents were willing to lay down their lives.

At our mission in Smoky Lake one dear old Ruthenian woman, who had been away for forty years from the Church, (she lived away out on the plains), made a long journey on foot many, many miles to our poor little wooden shack, dignified with the name of the Shrine of Our Lady of the Atonement, prostrated herself on the floor and cried aloud with joy that she was once more able to be in the presence of her God.

A greatly desired work which I had promised to begin this Autumn at the most urgent appeal of His Grace, the Archbishop of Edmonton has had to be postponed because there were not enough Sisters of the Atonement. It was to be a house in the city of Edmonton for the young girls coming in from the plains to attend high school. A house on the dormitory system would have taken them for the time of their studies into a place presided over by our Sisters, where they would have been sheltered, and strengthened in their holy religion. As it is now, they are housed in Protestant families and Y.W.C.A. institutions, with the result, as we have said, of their loss to the Church, and be it remembered that they have not the Catholic traditions and experiences of their parents, so who shall blame them utterly?

The Archbishop of Manila lately visited the Mother House at Graymoor on his second visit, for he was here last year on the same errand; he urged me to send Sisters for similar work in Manila, Philippine Islands, and he told of the five or six Protestant dormitories there, taking his Catholic young men and women. What could I say? Only, "perhaps next year."

Will the young girls who read these lines ask themselves on their knees, if God may not be calling them to save the Faith for many of these less fortunate young people and children in the far away stretches of the Kingdom of Christ, the Catholic Church? Life is very brief and it is very sad to think of going to God with empty hands when we might instead be leading hundreds to the feet of the dear Master, Who said, "Suffer the little ones to come unto me and forbid them not, for such is the kingdom of Heaven." Address any applications or questions to me at Saint Francis Convent, Graymoor, P. O. Garrison, N. Y.

(*Reprint from* The Candle).

MEMORIAL OF ABBESS SCHOLASTICA OF TALACRE, WHERE THE RED LIGHT BEFORE THE TABERNACLE WAS NOT EXTINGUISHED BY THE TUDOR PERSECUTION

To the Editor of The Lamp:

I am venturing to send you a copy of an appeal which Dom Bede Camm is publishing in some of the Catholic papers here, in the hope that you might be able to find a corner for it in The Lamp. It would be a very great charity as we are really in very great need of a church, and we have no one on whom we can count to help us. Until we have one it is impossible to get the proper canonical enclosure, and when we can have that it will of course help towards the fuller development of our life. I am the more emboldened to ask this charity of you, by the remembrance of the kindness you have shown us in the past.

Flavia M. Garland, (Abbess).

EDITOR'S COMMENT: *We are publishing below the endorsement of His Eminence, Cardinal Bourne, Archbishop Mostyn of Cardiff, Dom Bede Camm, O.S.B., and the Very Reverend W. E. Kelly, O.S.B., President of the English Congregation of Benedictines. As far back as 1920 the President of the Union-That-Nothing-Be-Lost promised a contribution of Two Thousand dollars to Talacre Abbey; as only five hundred dollars has been paid until now, there remains fifteen hundred which we now have re-pledged to the present Abbess. We would be very much delighted if Lamp Readers doubled this amount by contributing a similar sum. The cause is a most worthy one.*

Dom Bede Camm's Letter

I have been asked to make an appeal to your readers on behalf of the Benedictine Nuns of Talacre, North Wales. They are in great need of a church which shall provide not only a choir for themselves, but also be a parish-church for the Catholics of the neighborhood.

But they are very poor, and are still burdened with a heavy debt on their property. They need £3,000 to build a church, in concrete, which will serve for the service of God. They cannot have their enclosure properly established till they have such a church. It is therefore for them a pressing need.

They propose to build this church as a memorial to their late

Abbess, Dame Scholastica Mary Ewart.

She is surely worthy of such a memorial. Your readers will remember the wonderful story of the conversion of this Anglican community together with that of the monks of Caldey in 1913. They were then at a temporary home, St. Bride's Abbey, Milford Haven. More than forty sisters then became Catholics. This was due mainly to the energy, zeal and faith of the Abbess: Not only did she most earnestly desire to become a Catholic, but she brought her whole community with her. And as the famous French writer, M. Rene Bazin, has recently shown in his wonderful book, "Fils de l'Eglise" (now being translated into English), she was mainly responsible by her influence and her prayers in bringing into the church the monks of Caldey Abbey.

The Community of Talacre

is a large and flourishing one (over 50 nuns) and is itself her best memorial. But I am sure that many Catholics will feel that it is a fitting thing that we should help her daughters to raise this memorial church, and thus enable them more worthily to carry out their sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.

It is a great privilege for me to take a part, however slight, in thus doing homage to the memory of one of the most remarkable women who has lived in this country for many generations. Abbess Scholastica recalled the great monastic figures of past ages; St. Hilda of Whitby, St. Etheldreda of Ely seemed to live again in her. May God inspire many souls to come to the help of her daughters in their present difficulties.

—Dom Bede Camm, O.S.B., M.A., F.S.A.

His Eminence Cardinal Bourne Endorses the Appeal

"I gladly bless the appeal that you have submitted to me on behalf of the Benedictines of Talacre, and I trust that it will meet with a generous response.

(signed) Francis Cardinal Bourne,

Sept. 29th, 1927 Archbishop of Westminster.

Archbishop Mostyn's Approval

"I am very pleased that you are going to help the good Sisters of Talacre. It would indeed be a great thing and noble memorial to the late Lady Abbess, were it possible to put up a church at Talacre, even though not an expensive one. Your appeal is admirable, and I do not see what you can add or take from it."

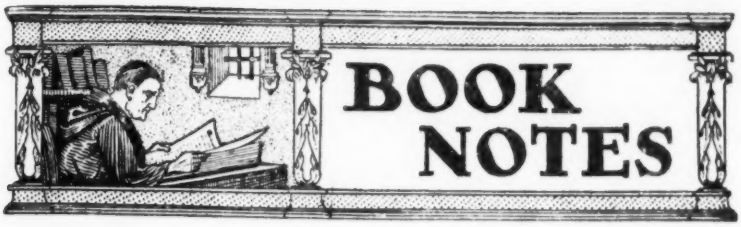
—Francis, Abp of Cardiff.

The Abbot President of the Benedictines of Great Britain thus sanctions the Appeal

"Realizing the pressing need of a suitable church for the proper development of their Religious Life, I approve of this appeal of the Abbess and nuns of Talacre, and I trust that the generous response of the personal friends of the late venerated Abbess, and of all the well-wishers of Talacre, will enable the good nuns to see an early fulfilment of their cherished hopes."

—W. E. Kelly, O.S.B.

All offerings should be sent to The Lamp or else direct to the Rt. Rev. Lady Abbess, Talacre Abbey, Prestatyn, Flintshire, Wales.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Six World Problems, by Reverend Albert Power, S.J., M.A., Rector of Corpus Christi, Melbourne, Australia. Publishers, Fr. Pustet & Co., New York City. Price $1.00. This is a series of lectures delivered in St. Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne. The appeal is to the non-Catholic reader as well as the children of the Household. The six problems treated are, **The Riddle of Life, The Flame of Passion, The Tyranny of Pain, The Despair of Unbelief, The Tangle of Marriage, The Mystery of Death.**

From Out Magdala, by Lucille Borden. Publishers, MacMillan Co., New York City. Price $2.50. Miss Borden has an increasingly wide circle of readers. Probably the best known of her books are The Gates of Olivet and The Candlestick Makers. The present book is not unlike in style, we do not mean in plot, the two just mentioned. We think it rather long drawn out, although the interest seems to be well sustained. The scene is laid in that part of France which tradition associates with the coming of Lazarus, and Mary and Martha, his sisters.

Grace Harlow's Overland Riders, by Jessie Graham Flower. Publishers, Henry Altamus Co., Philadelphia, Pa., Price $1.00. This is one of the Grace Harlow series, chronicling the adventures of that lady, from high school through thrilling service Over-seas, and in the American desert. The girl who likes that sort of reading, full of reverberating pistol shots, run away automobiles and horses, all of which are rounded up gracefully by the lady of the title, will be satisfied with the book.

The Church of Christ. An Apologetic and Dogmatic Treatise, by Reverend E. Sylvester Berry, D.D., of St. Mary's Seminary, Emmitsburg, Md. Publishers, B. Herder, St. Louis, Mo. Price, $2.00. This scholarly book is the outgrowth of lectures delivered in the class room, originally in Latin. It is a very lucid development of the great subject of its title. The Preface is by the Archbishop of Baltimore; a brief quotation from this gives an idea of the book. It is about the Catholic Church founded by Jesus Christ that Dr. Berry writes; it is her claims he states, and for them he gives proof, it is her position in the world as a divinely authorized teacher he emphasizes. Succinctly, yet clearly he marshals his arguments to bring conviction to the mind of the reader that the Catholic Church is what she has ever claimed to be—the Bride of Christ, the mouthpiece of Christ. He has done his work well. * * * Let us have an end of indefinite, vague terminology. The world is looking for it. We repeat, the Catholic Church and Jesus Christ are the true Church of Christ. The teachings of Jesus Christ are found in their fullness and completeness in the Catholic Church alone. The Catholic Church is the Christian Church, Christianity is Catholicism. There is no Catholicism where there is no recognition of the Vicar of Christ. Where Peter is, there is the Church!"

The volume is divided into two parts, apologetic and dogmatic. We would like to give some idea of the immense amount of ground covered, and the very definite and exhaustive treatment given in every case. This is really a monumental book for the library and class room.

Religious Doctrine and Practice for Use in Catholic High Schools, by Reverend Cassilly, S.J., Creighton University, Omaha, Nebraska. Publishers, Loyola University Press, Chicago, Ill. Price $1.60. This class room book is all that we would expect from its author. Although in the catechism form of question and answer, every topic is gone into very thoroughly, and the Christian Doctrine teacher will find it an abiding help and delight. There is a good subject index at the back.

Scripture Reading For Times of Retreat. Publishers, Fr. Pustet & Co., New York City and Cincinnati. Price, $1.50. Selected, arranged for Retreats of thirty or fewer days, and translated from the Vulgate and Original Texts by the Rev. George O'Neill, S.J., M.A., Professor in Corpus Christi College, Melbourne, Emeritus Professor of University College, Dublin. The present volume should be widely welcomed in English-speaking countries as a well-judged attempt to remedy a serious deficiency. One hundred passages have been carefully chosen out of the Sacred Books, translated with accurate scholarship and literary skill, and set in order along the thirty days of an Ignatian retreat. A headline indicates the subject matter of each extract, and a few brief notes help over difficult passages. Besides fitting retreats of any length, short and long, these extracts commend themselves for private or public reading at all times—they may be utilized as themes of meditation or preaching. For very many who have allowed their Bibles to grow dusty they will prove a new key, destined to remain bright, into the unfading but too little known, garden of the Scriptures.

The Church and Divorce, by Reverend Thomas Mahon, Summerhill College, Sligo, Ireland. Publishers, B. Herder, St. Louis, Mo. Price $1.25. A very excellent tabulation of the scriptural texts upon the subject and explanation of the derived teachings of the Catholic Church in small compass, this is one of the very best utterances on the subject of the title and eminently fitted for class rooms and reference libraries.

The Evil of Mixed Marriage. Words of Friendly Counsel, by Reverend Dr. Charles H. Bruhl. Publishers, Joseph Schaefer, 23 Barclay St., New York City. This little paper-covered brochure is a more popular treatment of the subject than the one just mentioned above, it is certainly very timely and useful. We recommend it for the book rack in church vestibules, and for distribution at retreats and missions. The price is 10c per copy, $5.00 per 100. German edition, 5c a copy, $2.25 per 100.

OUR REQUIEM MASS LIST

The following is a list of Deceased Subscribers and Near Relatives whose deaths have been reported to us during the last month. The list is restricted to those who die within the subscription year. For them Collectively a Set of Thirty Masses will be said by a Foreign Missionary Priest. The number Thirty has been chosen because the custom of saying this number of Masses for the repose of a single soul is very ancient, being commonly known by the name of Gregorian Masses. Since these have proven so efficacious for the individual, a set of Thirty Masses said on thirty consecutive days must also prove efficacious, although the number of souls prayed for be many, for the power of the Holy Sacrifice is unlimited:

Sister Joseph Miriam Reive, Sister M. Bernadette Lane, Dame Mary Barbara, O.S.B., Sister Mary Marguerite Lane, Sister Mary Peter Lelaney, Anna Kramer, Mrs. Oliver, Mary E. Dempsey, Mrs. Francis V. Kelly, James Colvin, William A. Derby, James Magee, John Giligan, Mrs. Mary E. Baldridge, Helena F. Roddy, Mrs. Margaret Schmitt, Thomas H. Kelly, M. M. Delamer, Margaret McLaughlin, Mrs. Katherine Daly, Mrs. Mary Halloran, Matilda O'Neill, Mrs. Anna Blank, A. Gordon Berry, John H. Gaskemann, Bernard Gaskemann, Margaret Shutz, William Shutz, Mrs. Ellen Heelan, John Joseph Tully, Joseph G. Dunler, John Healy, Theodore J. Fisher, Mrs. C. D. Carey, Peter Spahn, Mrs. Bridget Nestor, Mrs. Briggie Thomas, Mrs. Catherine O'Reilly, Blanche E. Bonnell, Mrs. Katherine Cavanaugh, John Fullerton, Margaret E. Gill, Charles Joseph Tierney, Anne Rogan, Ellen Rogan, Mrs. Rose Ryan, Mrs. Cecilia M. Weber, Mrs. Catherine D. Houde, Mrs. Hannah Pickett, Mrs. Anna Margaret Smith, Louis Koenig, James Sullivan, Mrs. B. Rebescher, Mrs. Ellen Stephens, Bartholomew Condon, Catherine Murphy, Mrs. Mary Hoffmann, Sarah E. McGrath, J. F. Gibbons, Daniel M. Noonan, Daniel J. Donovan, Mrs. Emily Olsen, Maurice Mulcahy, Frances L. Childs, Bridget Leonard, Carl Scharer, Mrs. B. M. Killgallon, Charles Phillips, Mrs. Rose Phillips, Thos. Phillips, Ellen Phillips, Michael Harrington, Catherine Harrington, Mrs. M. Maloney, Annie E. McGuire, Geo. Wenneshermer, Nicholas Decker, Edna Derth Urlsan, Margaret Leonard, Frank Lynch, Michael J. Condon, William E. Graham, Mrs. B. Blount, William Robinson, Mrs. Wm. Lehman, Maurice J. Bressahan, John F. Rausch, Marcella Margaret Mary Keating, Wm. F. Donnelly, J. P. Murphy, John D. Riley, Batl D. Riley, Margaret Zang, Rose Teresa Russ, Edward Breslin, Mrs. Anna C. Murray, Nicholas Bronder, Mrs. Mary E. Shoemaker, Cornelius J. Duggan, Daniel Francis McKay, W. E. Miscall, Mrs. Barbara Koller, Mrs. Jacob Thebeans, Elizabeth Clancy Barry, Mrs. Elizabeth Mustagh, Charles Sommers, Catherine O'Grady, John Healy, Mrs. Rèilly, John McKiernan, Daniel C. Daly, Harold E. Voelker, John McDonald, Mrs. Daniel Sullivan, Mrs. E. F. Lynch, Francis E. Turner, Anthony Chichizzola, William Morley, Herbert Ignatius Beale.

Requiescant in Pace

NOTICE

Some time late in the Summer a bunch of keys on a ring was dropped and found near the Lamp Building on the Mount of the Atonement. Evidently the owner possessed a Ford car. Forward claim with description to Brother Joseph, Lamp Bldg., Graymoor, Garrison, N. Y.

"Foam," by Mary Dixon Thayer, author of "The Child on His Knees," etc. Dorrance & Co., Drexel Bldg., Philadelphia, Pa., $2.00. This novel is away above the average, both in interest and in style. It is the story of the mental and spiritual gropings of a pagan American ex-soldier toward God, and the hidden religious vocation of a society girl whose mother is not a Catholic, but whose father was. We hope, but with doubts, that our American society (the plot is laid in Philadelphia) has righted itself somewhat in these latter post-war years. As we said above, this is an artistic little book, very refreshing—we are going to use this expression even if the story is a more or less tragic one; it could not be otherwise under the circumstances and be good art.

Did you read about The Lamp's Jubilee Prize Contest on page 363?

Candidates for the Priesthood: ATTENTION!

The new College Wing of the Little Flower Memorial Building will be ready for occupancy at Epiphany when our students return from their Christmas holidays. Here is an opportunity for those who wish to join the Franciscan Order of the Friars of the Atonement and to study for the Priesthood at Graymoor to enter the College *without waiting until next September*. Application to that end should be made at once.

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Very Reverend Paul James Francis, S.A., Minister General, Graymoor, Garrison, N. Y.

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The Hotels in the City are crowded with people during the Christmas holidays. Ladies of Catholic Faith who want to get away from the secular atmosphere of the hotels are recommended to spend a REAL Christmas, from the spiritual and religious standpoint, by making a pilgrimage to Graymoor on Christmas Eve and lodging at Our Lady's Hostel as a guest of the Sisters of the Atonement. The Midnight Mass in St. John's Church is an experience, once participated in, that will NEVER BE FORGOTTEN. Then there are the festivities of Christmas Week, which are thoroughly enjoyed by the visiting guests. Trains leave the Grand Central Terminal for Garrison at 10:10 and 11:30 A. M.; 2:04, 4:03 and 5:03 P. M. Taxicabs meet all trains at Garrison and bring guests to Graymoor in ten minutes. Write to the Sisters of the Atonement or telephone 37 Garrison for reservations.

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